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Statement of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the Indochinese Situation

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The Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held for three days from April 12 to 14 at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang with the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution.

Respectfully placed on the platform of the meeting was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the 40 million Korean people, genius of Marxist-Leninist and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, who has confidently led our revolution along the one road of victory, shouldering the destiny of the fatherland and the nation and breaking through all tribulations for nearly half a century since he set out on the path of revolution in his early age.

Hung high on its background was a model of Mt. Paekdu-san symbolic of the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party and people established by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, in the course of organizing and leading the protracted and heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle and there was also an unfurled national flag of the D.P.R.K., our glorious fatherland.

Present at the meeting were the deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and functionaries of our Party, Government organs and working people's organizations, functionaries in the domains of the economy, science, education, culture, and the press and a large number of Chollima riders.

Also diplomatic envoys of various countries in Pyongyang were invited to the meeting.

The hearts of the entire deputies and attendants were filled with boundless reverence, trust and deep feeling of fidelity to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, father of the 40 million Korean people and respected and beloved Leader, who created the great *Juche* idea, embodied it in the practice of the Korean revolution, and has led our people steadfastly along the one road of victory, glory, happiness and prosperity.

At 9 a.m. on the 12th, **Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the D.P.R.K., mounted the platform.**

The entire deputies and attendants of the meeting rose to their feet and warmly welcomed him with stormy cheers "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader!" and thunderous applause that shook the meeting hall.

The platform was also taken by Comrade Choi Yong Kun and other leading Party and government figures and vice-chairmen and members of the Presidium of the SPA.

Chairman Paek Nam Un made an opening address. Then the following agenda was adopted:

1. On the present international situation and the promotion of the independent unification of the fatherland;

2. On the result of the fulfilment of the 1970 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and on its 1971 state budget.

At the session Comrade Ho Dam, Foreign Minister, delivered a report on the first item on the agenda.

The report was followed by discussions on the first item on the agenda.

The speakers wholeheartedly supported the report, saying that the report submitted to the session on the basis of the steadfast anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. thought of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the line of the independent peaceful unification of the fatherland clarified by him, correctly reflected the unanimous desire of the entire Korean people for thwarting and foiling the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres of aggression and war provocation in Korea and Asia and for realizing the unification of the country.

After the discussions, an appeal addressed, in the name of the Supreme People's Assembly of the D.P.R.K., to the fellow countrymen, brothers and sisters, and personages affiliated with various political parties and public organizations in South Korea was adopted with the unanimous approval of the deputies.

The attendants of the meeting gave enthusiastic support to the appeal which powerfully calls on all the patriotic forces in North and South Korea to unite closely as one without delay, form a nation-wide anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-Pak Jung Hi united front and unfold a nation-wide joint struggle to remove war danger from our country, terminate the tragedy of national split and achieve the independent peaceful unification of the country.

They firmed their resolve to wage a more vigorous struggle to hasten the glorious day when the 40 million people, relying on the solid foundation of national unification established in the northern half of the Republic, will build up a rich and powerful state on the beautiful land of 3,000 *ri* and lead a happy life together under the outstanding and ingenious leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader and sun of the nation.

At the meeting a statement of the D.P.R.K. Supreme People's Assembly on the situation of Indochina was adopted amidst loud applause with the unanimous approv-

al of all the deputies.

The statement scathingly condemned the U.S. imperialists for their manoeuvre to expand the brigandish war of aggression in Indochina, denouncing it as the most high-handed encroachment on independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the peoples in this area and, further, as the open challenge to the peace-loving peoples in Asia and the world, and solemnly declared that the D.P.R.K. Supreme People's Assembly was ready to take any measures in case of need in the future, too, to assist the Indochinese people in their national-salvation struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy.

At the session Comrade Choe Yun Su, Minister of Finance, delivered the report on the second item on the agenda "On the Result of the Fulfilment of the 1970 State Budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and on its 1971 State Budget" and a report was made on the result of the examination by the Budgetary Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly and relevant discussions took place.

The session adopted with complete approval a resolution on the approval of the result of the fulfilment of the 1970 state budget of the D.P.R.K. and the law on the 1971 state budget of the D.P.R.K.

The Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the D.P.R.K. successfully thrashed out all the items on the agenda and closed on the 14th.

On the Present International Situation and the Promotion of the Independent Unification of the Fatherland

Report Made by Comrade Ho Dam, Foreign Minister, at the Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the D.P.R.K.

Comrades deputies,

Today we hold the Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly under grand circumstances in which the working people of the whole country are waging a vigorous struggle against U.S. imperialism, Japanese militarism and their lackeys and for the promotion of socialist construction and the cause of national unification, upholding the historic report delivered by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, at the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, as the congress of the overall victory of the immortal *Juche* idea of the respected and beloved Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, and the congress of the great victory of socialist industrialization, was a historic event which opened the era of new turn in the development of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean revolution.

The report of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the outstanding Leader of revolution, to the Congress of the Party is a banner of great struggle rousing our people to a new, grandiose struggle and brilliant feats and an immortal classic work which, as a comprehensive systematization and consummation of his original ideas, theories and strategic and tactical lines on revolution and construction, made an immeasurably valuable contribution to enriching the treasure-house of Marxism-Leninism.

General developments today prove that the programmatic guiding principles expounded by the great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, in his report to the Fifth Congress of the Party on the basis of a scientific analysis of the main characteristics of the revolutionary situation in our country and the present international situation are fully correct.

In particular, the strategic and tactical lines on the South Korean revolution and the unification of the fatherland and the strategy of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle laid down by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are a powerful ideological, theoretical and practical weapon for us for victory in the revolution and a bomb-like blow to the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism and their lackeys.

The international conditions of our revolution at present are complex and tense as ever.

The situation has become tense to the extreme in all parts of Asia and universal peace on the globe is gravely menaced owing to the frantic manoeuvres of aggression and war stepped up by the U.S. imperialists in Indochina and other parts of Asia and the world.

The prevailing situation makes it incumbent upon all the peace-loving countries and progressive peoples of the world, above all, to rise up as one in a resolute struggle for checking and foiling the criminal machinations of the U.S. imperialists in expanding the war of aggression in Indochina in a barbarous way and intensifying the aggressive manoeuvres in the whole area of Asia.

The critical situation created in our country due to the daily-intensifying manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists for the provocation of a new war urgently demands us to heighten vigilance and take determined steps of national salvation for delivering the country and the na-

tion from the threat of a new war and achieving the historic cause of national unification by smashing all the sinister plots of the enemy.

In this connection, I, entrusted by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, now present a report on the present international situation and the situation in our country and propose to the current supreme people's assembly session to consider appropriate measures to cope with this.

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Comrades deputies,

Today we are living in an era of great struggle when all the revolutionary peoples of the world are turning out in the anti-imperialist liberation struggle, in a glorious era of revolutionary change when the colonial system of imperialism is crumbling beyond retrieve.

In the fierce struggle which is going on in the international arena between socialism and imperialism, between revolutionary forces and counter-revolutionary forces, socialism and peace-loving forces are winning victory after victory and the imperialist forces of aggression are going to decay and ruin with each passing day. The imperialists are hit hard from within and without and driven deeper into a tight corner.

The imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists, however, will never quit the arena of history of their own accord. They are making more desperate efforts to find a way out in aggression and war insomuch as they are going downhill and finding themselves in a more difficult position.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, taught as follows:

"With the invariable aim of dominating the whole world, U.S. imperialism is stretching out its crooked hands of aggression to all continents, all regions and all countries of the world, be it Asia or the Near and Middle East, Africa or Latin America, Europe or Oceania and big or small countries, and is maliciously challenging the cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism."

The U.S. imperialists, resorting to open violence, are perpetrating aggressive acts against the socialist countries and independent national states and brutally suppressing the anti-imperialist, national-liberation movement of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and disturbing peace in all parts of the world.

Especially, the U.S. imperialists are today directing the spearhead of aggression to Asia, trying with frenzy to check the rapid growth of the revolutionary forces and bolster up their crumbling colonial rule in this region.

To cover up their vicious aggressive nature, the U.S. imperialists are overtly pursuing the "policy of strength" on the one hand and putting up ostentatious signboards of "peace," "negotiations" and the like on the other, ballyhooing about what they call "peace strategy." Under the very signboard of "peace strategy" the U.S. imperialists seized the hegemony of the capitalist world and emerged as the colonial "emperor" after the Second World War and have stretched out their black claws of aggression to all parts of the world.

After Nixon, the fascist warmaniac, took the presidential chair of the United States, the U.S. imperialists produced the socalled "Nixon doctrine," their newly embellished "peace strategy."

Prattling that they would go over to "partnership" from "domination" in the past, and to "negotiations" from "confrontation" in their relationship with other countries, the Nixon clique made it appear as if U.S. imperialism no longer wanted to dominate and subjugate other countries but pursued "peace" and "negotiations" instead of aggression and war.

But the "Nixon doctrine" is a rehash of the stereotyped double-dealing tactics of U.S. imperialism; it is nothing but a more cunning and adventurous war policy worked out by the moribund to prevent the disintegration of the U.S. imperialists' system for world domination caused by the bankruptcy of the "policy of strength." The "Nixon doctrine" is designed to placate the U.S. people opposing aggression and war and deceive the world people by pretending, merely changing the signboard, to gradually refrain from the policy of brigandish aggression and policy of interference.

And it is aimed at attaining its aggressive ambition more effectively with the least possible damages and losses on the part of U.S. imperialism, by raking up military potentials of their satellite countries and puppets more fully behind the façade of the deceitful propaganda.

It is under this very signboard of the "Nixon doctrine" that the U.S. imperialists are waging on a larger scale the barbarous war of aggression against the progressive people.

The U.S. imperialists, putting forth the "new Asia policy" as a concrete step for executing the "Nixon doctrine" in Asia, are clamouring much about a sort of change in their policies, but there has been and can be no change in their policy of aggression.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, taught as follows:

"While stepping up aggression by mobilizing their armed forces directly, the U.S imperialists are seeking a more sinister aim to materialize their aggressive designs on Asia without difficulty mainly by means of 'making Asians fight Asians,' raking up Japanese militarism and other satellite countries and puppets in Asia in accordance with the notorious 'new

Asia policy'."

The U.S. imperialists have further intensified the reactionary compact between the United States and Japan in accordance with the "new Asia policy." U.S. imperialism is escalating the war of aggression in Indochina with greater frenzy, while pursuing the "Nixon doctrine" under the signboard of the "Vietnamization" of the war, and frantically intensifying in South Korea its manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war behind the smokescreen of "U.S. army cutback."

It is precisely the new war escalation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists that has created a very grave situation today in the area of Indochina.

The U.S. imperialists who had continued the war of aggression in South Viet Nam, stepped up the "special war" in Laos, expanded their armed invasion of Cambodia and daily intensified the bombing of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in accordance with the "Vietnamization" of the war plan, hurled tens of thousands of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, South Viet Nam puppet troops and Thai mercenaries lately to launch a new large-scale armed invasion of southern Laos in cooperation with the right-wing army of Laos and expanded the war in the area near the Demilitarized Zone of Viet Nam. Synchronizing with this, the U.S. imperialists massed a great number of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and South Viet Nam puppet troops around North Viet Nam and are intensifying all acts of war such as barbarous bombing and shelling against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, while openly clamouring that they would invade the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

They also hurled more South Viet Nam puppet troops into Cambodia to keep expanding and intensifying the war of aggression together with the Lon Nol puppet army. As a result, the flames of the war are further spreading in the whole area of Indochina and there has been created an imminent danger that they will be expanded to the vast area of Asia.

This is an intolerable act of war escalation and a crude violation of the 1954 and 1962 Geneva agreements on Indochina.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people sternly condemn the manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism to escalate the brigandish war of aggression in the area of Indochina as a most wanton infringement upon the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the peoples in this area and an open challenge to the peace-loving peoples of Asia and the world.

The U.S. imperialists perpetrated an open armed invasion of Cambodia last year, clamouring that it was for speeding up the so-called "Vietnamization" of the war and "withdrawal from Viet Nam" and launched a new, large-scale armed invasion of Laos again recently on the same pretext. This shows with all clarity that the "Nixon doctrine" does not mean withdrawing from Asia but staying on in this area by resorting to still more flagrant armed suppression and the socalled "peace" and "talks" on their lips are nothing but a smokescreen for further expanding the war of aggression.

Some time ago, Nixon, the war-like boss of U.S. imperialism, again raised war cries in his socalled "foreign policy report" and repeated news conferences, ranting that "all the necessary work will be continued" for the expansion of the war of aggression against the Indochinese peoples and "no limitation" would be put on the use of "the air power" of U.S. imperialism to stay on in this area. With no frenzy, however, can the U.S. imperialists save themselves from their doom which has already been sealed off or hold in check the triumphant advance of the Indochinese peoples who have risen up as one in the war of resistance against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation.

Today, the wilder the enemy runs, the more firmly the peoples of the three countries of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia are hardening their revolutionary determination and fighting will to wipe out the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges to the last one and liberate the whole of Indochina by fighting determinedly in firm unity upholding the joint declaration of the Summit Conference of the Peoples of Indochina. Thus, they are dealing heavy blows at the aggressors one after another on all fronts and shattering the "Vietnamization" of the war plan and the heinous plot of the "Nixon doctrine" to make Indochinese fight Indochinese and Asians fight Asians.

We congratulate the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia upon their overall victory won on all fronts and particularly, rejoice as over our own over the brilliant victories won recently by the Laotian People's Liberation Army and the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces in thoroughly wiping out the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and the troops of their puppet clique who intruded on a large scale into southern Laos and the area along Route 9 and warmly hail them.

Today the heroic Vietnamese people are vigorously fighting to defeat completely the U.S. imperialist aggressors, further hardening their firm fighting resolve "to fight and win," upholding the December 10, 1970 appeal issued by the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to cope with the new adventurous acts of war of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

The people of North Viet Nam who have been meting out a stern punishment to U.S. imperialism for its acts of war against the Dem-

ocratic Republic of Viet Nam and continuously effecting innovations in production and battle are strengthening in every way the might of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam as a big rear of a big front and a solid base of nation-wide revolution, supporting and assisting with might and main the compatriots in the South in their struggle, giving full play to the superiority of the socialist system in the North, and steadily making full combat preparations so as to smash any invasion of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. The South Vietnamese people and People's Liberation Armed Forces, rallied close around the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, are consolidating the successes won already by defeating the "special war" and "local war" of U.S. imperialism, and are intensifying their offensive against U.S. imperialism and its puppet clique in all parts for thoroughly smashing the Nixon clique's scheme of "Vietnamizing" the war and plan for "pacifying" the rural villages.

The 7th Session of the 3rd National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam held early in March last discussed the political report delivered by Premier Pham Van Dong and issued a statement strongly denouncing the Nixon clique for its expansion and intensification of the war of aggression in the whole area of Indochina and appealing to the entire Vietnamese people to wage more staunchly the struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation with the firm unity of the people in the North and the South and the militant solidarity with the fraternal peoples of Laos and Cambodia.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people fully support the February 10, 1971, statement of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the February 5, 1971, statement of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam strongly denouncing U.S. imperialism for its escalation of the war of aggression in Indochina and resolutely support the March 4, 1971, statement issued by the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

The fraternal Vietnamese people who have a glorious tradition of victoriously waging the protracted anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle and have been winning shining victories in the all-people war of resistance against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation will wipe out the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their henchmen to the last one and thus surely accomplish the sacred cause of liberating the South, defending the North and achieving the peaceful reunification of the fatherland, holding high the testament of President Ho Chi Minh.

The struggle of the fraternal Vietnamese people who are now fighting against U.S. imperialism, the most brutal and most ferocious imperialist force of aggression of modern times, is not only a struggle for the complete liberation and independence of their fatherland but a just struggle for defending the socialist countries and safeguarding peace in Asia and the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people regard the aggression of U.S. imperialism against Viet Nam as against themselves and are making all efforts to support and assist the fraternal Vietnamese people. I take this opportunity to solemnly declare once again that the Government of the Republic and our people have made full preparations to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese people at any time requested by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

Today the Laotian people and People's Liberation Army under the correct leadership of the Laotian Patriotic Front headed by Prince Souphanouvong are constantly consolidating and developing the broad liberated areas, repulsing the repeated bestial attacks of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges.

In its February 7, 1971, appeal to the Laotian people and the peace-loving people of the whole world and its February 8 and March 7 statements, the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front vehemently condemned with surging indignation the armed invasion of U.S. imperialism and its henchmen and expressed the firm determination to fight more resolutely with might and main till the aggressors are swept away to the last one in Laos and the whole area of Indochina. With their heroic struggle the fraternal Laotian people are delivering a heavy blow to the war escalation manoeuvres of the Nixon clique, giving a great inspiration to the liberation struggle of the oppressed nations and making a great contribution to the cause of peace in Asia.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people fully support the February 7, 1971, appeal and February 8 and March 7 statements made public by the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front and solemnly declare once again that they will do everything possible to actively support and assist the Laotian people till the complete victory of their righteous war of resistance against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation.

Today the Cambodian people and National Liberation Army under the correct leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, and the National United Front of Kampuchea are dealing heavy blows at U.S. imperialism and the Lon Nol puppet clique almost every day. In the past one year the Cambodian National Liberation Army has liberated broad areas and people and plunged the

enemies deeper into the passive position and is leading their criminal plan for aggression to shameful bankruptcy. The triumphant advance of the Cambodian people clearly shows that by means of rigging up a sort of military coup or resorting to open armed intervention against the newly independent countries the U.S. imperialists can not save themselves from the imminent doom or prevent the fall of their stooges.

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, issued joint statements respectively after having talks with Ton Duc Thang, President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, on February 8, 1971, and talks with Prince Souphanouvong, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front, on February 9, expressing the firm determination to win final victory without fail by carrying on to the finish the struggle of the peoples of the three countries of Indochina against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people fully support these joint statements and solemnly declare once again that they will actively support and assist, morally and materially, the fraternal Cambodian people with every possible effort till their just struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy, and for national salvation is completely won.

We firmly believe that the patriotic Cambodian people, rallied closer around the Royal Government of National Union under the leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea, the only legitimate government of Cambodia, will surely achieve the complete liberation of the whole land of Cambodia in the not distant future and build an independent, sovereign, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Cambodia with Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Head of State.

Today, in order to bring under control the grave situation obtaining in Indochina and restore and consolidate peace, the U.S. imperialists must, first of all, give up at once their manoeuvre for the escalation of the criminal war and withdraw without delay from this area taking along their aggressor troops and troops of their puppets and all the lethal weapons.

The Viet Nam question must be solved on the basis of the 10-point overall solution and 8-point clarifications put forward by the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam.

The Laotian question must be settled on the basis of the 5-point political solution put forward by the Laotian Patriotic Front and the Cambodian question on the basis of the 5-point declaration issued on March 23, 1970, by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia.

As historic experience shows, with no power of bomb or bestial war acts, can the imperialist aggressors subdue a people who have risen up in a just struggle for liberation. If the U.S. imperialists persist in recklessly expanding and intensifying the criminal war of aggression against the Indochinese peoples, they will be unable to escape a more miserable defeat.

The peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia will surely beat down the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy, and win glorious final victory in the area of Indochina.

Comrades deputies,

The "Nixon doctrine" pursues the heinous aim to easily achieve the aggressive ambition against Asia by means of "making Asians fight Asians." The key point of it is to put to the fore revived Japanese militarism.

Nixon, the war-like boss of U.S. imperialism, openly jabbered that the "partnership" between the United States and Japan is "the key to the success of the Nixon doctrine in Asia" and Japan is "more important than the whole of Asia for the United States."

Under the active patronage of U.S. imperialism, Japanese militarism has now raised its head again in Asia; it poses an ever-growing menace to world peace and the independence and security of the Asian countries.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Japan has again become the hotbed of fresh aggression and war in Asia, against which the Asian peoples have to heighten their vigilance."

Already from right after the Second World War the U.S. imperialists zealously revived vanquished Japanese militarism to use it as a "shock brigade" in opposing socialism and suppressing the national-liberation struggle in Asia.

The U.S. imperialists who had revived and rearmed Japanese militarism in a systematic way held U.S.-Japan talks in Washington in November 1969 against the background of the historic crisis in which their Asian strategy was going bankrupt, and issued the U.S.-Japan "joint statement" openly declaring to the world that they would put up the revived Japanese militarist forces as the main striking force in their Asian aggression and reward the Japanese militarists for it by ensuring them to infiltrate again into their old sphere of colonial influence. This U.S.-Japan "joint statement," as an insidious document of aggression adding another page of crime to the sanguinary history of U.S. and Japanese imperialism, showed that revived Japanese militarism entered a very dangerous stage of taking the road of full-scale aggression on Asia with the backing of U.S. imperialism.

After the publication of the U.S.-Japan "joint statement," U.S. imperialism set out on making a more active use of the military potentialities of Japan, its junior ally and military base of aggression, for the execution of its aggressive policy, while further stepping up its policies of aggression and war in Asia.

The Japanese militarists who have been historically accustomed to acquiring a windfall with the backing of big powers, are more overtly stretching out their tentacles of aggression to Korea and other Asian countries and running amuck more recklessly than ever before to realize their old dream of the socalled "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," taking advantage of the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression.

In accordance with the demands of the "new Asia policy" of U.S. imperialism and the overseas expansion policy of Japanese militarism itself, the U.S.-Japan "security pact," an aggressive military alliance, was automatically extended and the armed forces of aggression are being expanded on a large scale and militarization and fascistization stepped up with rapidity in Japan.

The socalled "defence white paper" worked out and published by the "Defence Agency" of Japan last year for the first time after its surrender also revealed in all nakedness the Japanese militarists' ambition to gain the "absolute superiority" of Japan especially in the sky and on the sea by reinforcing the armed forces of the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" in a big way, possess nuclear weapons and enforce the conscription system and realize overseas troop dispatch. The "fourth defence build-up plan," a concrete working plan of the "defence white paper," aims at turning the aggressive armed forces of Japanese militarism into an attacking force for the realization of military aggression on the Asian countries by disbursing huge military expenses nearly 2.5 times the figures of the "third defence build-up plan." The Japanese militarists have gone so far as to declare that "the Self-Defence Forces have already possessed the fire power surpassing the imperial army in its prime."

To what a dangerous extent the militarization of Japan has gone along with the expansion of her armed forces of aggression was clearly seen also in the case that Mishima, a villainous right-wing fascist element, turned up in the headquarters of a unit of the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" some time ago and ripped up his abdomen to die like a "samurai," raving that the "Self-Defence Forces" should stage a military coup to restore the fascist dictatorial system with "the emperor as the centre."

Planned by the reactionary Japanese ruling circles, this bears close resemblance to the "February 26 incident" fabricated by the Japanese militarists in 1936 to strengthen the military fascist dictatorship at home before their aggression on the continent. With the "Mishima case" as an impetus, the Japanese reactionaries raised an ever more frantic propaganda racket to whip up militarism, clamouring that time has come for them to wipe away the "disgrace of the defeat in the war" and "the real honour of Japan should be restored."

The Japanese militarists are now babbling that their socalled "defence line" covers the whole area of Asia—from the south of Alaska in the north to Straits of Malacca in the southwest through South Korea, Taiwan and South Viet Nam and to Straits of Arafura in the south, and shamelessly ranting that they would "establish a new order" in this region together with the U.S. imperialists. The talking about the "establishment of a new order" in itself is a complete refrain of the slogan about the "establishment of a new order in Greater East Asia" shouted by the Japanese militarists when they were feverish in invading Asia in the past.

Already in the U.S.-Japan "joint statement" the Sato clique openly prattled that "the security of various countries in the Far East is a matter of great concern for Japan," declaring that South Korea is "indispensable to the security of Japan herself" and Taiwan is a "most important component for the security of Japan" and South Viet Nam, too, is related to the "security" of Japan.

This, in the final analysis, is an open revelation of the expansionist ambition of the Japanese militarists to establish again their colonial rule in the Far East and the whole of Asia by taking an active part in the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression against Korea, China, Viet Nam and other countries of Asia.

With the backing of U.S. imperialism the Japanese militarists dare antagonize the peoples of Korea, China and Viet Nam and clamour that the sacred territories of these countries are within their socalled "sphere of defence." We bitterly condemn this as an intolerable brigandish act of imperialism.

Now, the Japanese militarists are not only prattling about overseas aggression but translating their aggressive plans into practice one by one. They are penetrating into South Korea in a big way, taking our country as the first target of attack before anything else, by employing the traditional method of aggression with which they conquered Korea first and invaded Asia with it as a springboard.

Japan serves the U.S. imperialists as a supply base and repair base and a base of offensive in their war of aggression in Viet Nam and the reactionary Sato government of Japan acts as an active helper of the U.S. imperialists in their aggression on Indochina.

The Japanese militarists, thoroughly tailing after and toeing the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism, are persistently clinging to their

hostile policy towards the People's Republic of China and are more zealous than anyone else in the two-Chinas plots with a territorial ambition to seize Taiwan. The Japanese militarists rigged up even the "liaison committee" of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan last year and embarked upon the road of directly stepping up the aggressive manoeuvres against Korea and China and have recently gone the length of twaddling that China's mainland was their "lost land" and "native place."

The Japanese reactionaries are intensifying their economic and cultural infiltration into Southeast Asia and the Near and Middle East and the countries of Africa and Latin America under the mask of "peace" and "helper."

Pretending to be "friends" of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America by using their being Asians as a signboard, they are viciously scheming to dampen the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples in these regions and disorganize the anti-imperialist front.

The history of crimes committed by the Japanese militarists against the Asian people and mankind the world over in the past is thus repeating itself today.

Now that Japan has grown again into the hotbed of a new war in Asia, Asia and the world can never be in peace, as long as it is left alone.

Originally, the most brigandish aggressive nature, most barbarous cruelty and incomparable craftiness of double-dealing are the characteristics of Japanese militarism from its birth. Added to this today are its burning revengeful thought to pay off its defeat in the past and frantic aggressive desire to realize at any cost the old dream of Asian domination and its expansive delusion that it has "national power" several-fold greater than that at the time of the Second World War. The aggressive nature of the Japanese militarist forces is growing doubly as they are closely knit together in the alliance of subordination with U.S. imperialism, the main force of aggression and war, international gendarme and ringleader of world reaction. It is clear that the Japanese militarists who have a mastery of the unexampled barbarous method of colonial rule and many aggressive wars from long ago and are accustomed to surprise raid and perfidious, sudden attack will again commit any vicious crimes without hesitation in accordance with the U.S. imperialists' aggressive demand and their own growing aggressive ambition.

Today when the U.S. imperialists are extremely straining the situation in Indochina and all other parts of Asia and the Japanese militarists have become all the more unscrupulous in their reinvasion scheme, all the peace-loving people are confronted with the urgent task to further strengthen the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism and smash their aggressive ambition by concerted action.

To decisively frustrate the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and resolutely smash the aggressive U.S.-Japan compact, it is very important to strengthen the militant solidarity of the peoples of the Asian revolutionary countries in particular.

The peoples of Asian countries have a brilliant tradition of victoriously waging the revolutionary struggle hand in hand against imperialism for a long time.

The Korean and Chinese peoples fought together against Japanese imperialism to victory and defeated the U.S. imperialist aggressors, sharing life and death, sweets and bitters with each other in one trench also in the period of the Korean war. Today, too, the Korean and Chinese peoples are vigorously fighting shoulder to shoulder against the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists, cherishing the traditional friendship and solidarity sealed with blood in the struggle against the common enemy.

The peoples of Indochina victoriously waged side by side the arduous struggle against the French and Japanese imperialists and are now vigorously unfolding a joint struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression.

If the peoples of Korea, China, Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia and all other revolutionary countries in Asia further consolidate the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. united front and wage a resolute joint struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists, they will surely be able to defeat the enemy and firmly guarantee the victory of our common cause.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught as follows:

"Our unity has been forged historically and now the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists compel our Asian countries making revolution to further strengthen their unity. We have the experience of having smashed any formidable enemies by uniting and fighting resolutely, and we are convinced that we can smash any strong enemy in the future, too."

Some time ago the Government of the People's Republic of China declared that the U.S. imperialists' escalation of the war of aggression in Indochina poses a grave menace to the People's Republic of China and clarified its firm stand that if they take the road of escalating the war of aggression in Indochina in the end, the Chinese people will take all necessary measures, and, not flinching even from the greatest national sacrifices, support and assist with might and main the peoples of the three countries of Indochina in their struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation.

This clearly shows once again the resolute revolutionary stand of the great Chinese peo-

ple never to permit any aggressive manoeuvres of the imperialist brigands and their lofty sense of proletarian internationalism. This is a great encouragement to the fighting peoples of Indochina and a stern warning to the U.S. imperialists. We highly appreciate this principled and just stand of the Government of the People's Republic of China and fully support the joint communique of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China, and the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam issued on March 8 after the visit of the Party and Government delegation of China to the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

We are very happy to see that today the militant unity of the peoples of Asian revolutionary countries is daily strengthening and developing.

Uniting with the peoples of Asian revolutionary countries, we will make all our efforts to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and Taiwan, South Viet Nam and Laos, Cambodia and all other parts of Asia where they have set foot, thoroughly frustrate their stratagem of making Asians fight Asians and thus build a new, independent and prosperous Asia.

The Korean people will more resolutely fight to thwart and foil all the criminal machinations of the U.S. imperialists who have already dragged South Korea directly into their war of aggression in Viet Nam by driving out tens of thousands of South Korean puppet troops to the battlefields in South Viet Nam and are further stepping up their manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war in Korea, synchronizing with their war escalation machinations in Indochina, and take any measure at any time if necessary to support and assist in Indochinese peoples in their struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for national salvation.

The Korean people fully support the fraternal Chinese people in their just struggle for liberating Taiwan, their inalienable territory.

In order to oppose Japanese militarism and smash the aggressive tie-up of the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries it is also important today to support the struggle of the Japanese people and strengthen solidarity with them.

The Japanese people are actively fighting under the difficult circumstances against U.S. imperialism and Japanese monopoly capital and against the revival of Japanese militarism and its overseas aggression and for the country's complete independence and democracy and peace. The struggle of the Japanese people deals a heavy blow at the U.S. imperialist aggression of Asia and the revival of Japanese militarism and greatly contributes to the cause of peace in Asia and the world.

The Korean people express full support and militant solidarity for the just struggle of the Japanese people.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people will continue to oppose the revival of Japanese militarism and its machinations of overseas aggression to the hilt and fight to the end in firm unity with the Japanese people and all other anti-imperialist revolutionary forces of Asia, particularly, to thwart and frustrate the plots and machinations of the reactionary government of Japan actively cooperating with and joining the U.S. imperialists in their aggressive manoeuvres against Korea and scrap the criminal "ROK-Japan Treaty" concluded under the manipulation of U.S. imperialism.

Today all the peace-loving people of the world are resolutely fighting in unison against the U.S. imperialists who are escalating the war to the whole area of Indochina and intensifying their aggressive machinations in all parts of Asia.

Some time ago the governments and peoples of the socialist countries took various measures to resolutely denounce the criminal acts of the U.S. imperialists in escalating the war in Indochina and support the fighting Indochinese peoples.

If the peoples of Asian revolutionary countries, with the support of all the progressive peoples of the world, join in dealing blows at and exerting pressure upon U.S. imperialism, it will be unable to hold out and be expelled from Asia in the end.

Today when our country is directly subjected to the aggression of U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism and the situation in our country is extremely tense owing to this, we will unite, even if there may be any difference in political view, with the forces who are helpful even a little to the anti-U.S., anti-Japanese struggle, no matter whether they are active or passive, and will support the struggle of the peoples of all countries against U.S. imperialism and its allies. This we take as our invariable line. We consider that this is an important factor for the victory of the Korean revolution.

Holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the revolutionary banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, the Korean people will continue to fight relentlessly in future, too, against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism and for peace, democracy, national independence and for the victory of the cause of socialism, in unity with the peoples of the socialist countries, in unity with the fighting peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America and in unity with all the peace-loving peoples of the world.

Our people actively support the Palestinian people and all other Arab peoples in their just

struggle for smashing the aggressive manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and its lackey, Zionists, defending national independence and territorial integrity and liberating Palestine.

Our people resolutely support the African peoples in their just struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for freedom and liberation and for the consolidation of national independence.

The Korean people fully support the righteous struggle of the heroic Cuban people who are smashing the ceaseless aggressive and subversive machinations of U.S. imperialism at every step, firmly defending the gains of revolution and successfully building socialism, unswervingly marching ahead in the van of the Latin American revolution.

The Korean people actively support Chile and many other countries of Latin America in their righteous, valiant struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and for the independent development of the country and express unreserved solidarity with the peoples of this region in their liberation struggle against U.S. imperialism and pro-U.S. dictatorship.

Our people resolutely support the struggle of the German people and the stand of the German Democratic Republic opposing the aggressive manoeuvres of West German militarism revived as a dangerous force of aggression in Europe under the wing of U.S. imperialism.

Our people express firm solidarity with the working class and working people of the capitalist countries in their revolutionary struggle against exploitation and oppression by capital and for democratic rights and socialism.

When all the revolutionary forces and peace-loving peoples of the whole world unite firmly and vigorously wage the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, U.S. imperialism and its allies and lackeys will be wiped out once and for all and the peoples of all countries will achieve genuine national independence and social progress.

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Comrades deputies,

The frantic policies of aggression and war of the U.S. imperialists who are on their deathbed struggle find concentric expression in the development of the situation in our country today.

The U.S. imperialists have been viciously stepping up their manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war in our country in a more sinister and cunning way and leading the situation farther to the brink of war, since they put up the "Nixon doctrine" and started clamouring about the "new Asia policy."

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, taught as follows:

"The situation in our country is still acute and tense. The aggressive manoeuvrings of the U.S. imperialists are being further intensified and their plots to provoke another war are becoming more undisguised. Under the wing of the U.S. imperialists the Japanese militarists are also stepping up their reaggression manoeuvres against Korea. The puppet clique of South Korea, the dual stooges of U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, are running about recklessly in an endeavour to execute the war policies of their masters. In our country the danger of war is further increasing with every passing day."

It was not once or twice that the U.S. imperialists openly attempted to provoke a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the last few years. At the time of the incident of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" in 1968 and the incident of the large-size spy plane "EC-121" in 1969, the U.S. imperialist gangsters brought huge armed forces to the very threshold of our country and overtly attempted an armed invasion of the northern half of the Republic.

These criminal manoeuvres on the part of the U.S. imperialists met an ignominious setback each time in face of the determined counter-blow of the Korean people who are rallied rock-firm around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, with one ideology and one will under his outstanding leadership.

After that, however, the U.S. imperialists never stopped even for a moment their manoeuvres to unleash a new war in our country.

In particular, after it put forth the "Nixon doctrine" U.S. imperialism took the road of intensifying as never before its manoeuvres to provoke a new war in Korea, twaddling that "South Korea is the testing ground of the Nixon doctrine" and the "point of showdown" in the 1970's is "Northeast Asia, Korea in particular."

In Korea the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists are being pushed ahead behind the signboard of the socalled "reduction" of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army occupying South Korea.

Deluding and flouting with the strategic clamouring about "U.S. army cutback" the opinion of the peoples of the United States and the world who demand them to take their blood-stained hands off Korea and Asia, they, on the contrary, have further increased the combat capacity of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops occupying South Korea under the pretext of "redeployment" of the U.S. army in the Far Eastern area necessitated by the "reduction of U.S. troops."

They have expanded the South Korean puppet army in a big way and pushed ahead with its modernization under the pretext of "sup-

plementing" the "curtailment" of armed forces in South Korea. Further, they took new measures to bring in large armed forces from Japan and U.S. mainland as soon as they unleash a war of aggression in Korea, by knitting South Korea and Japan closer strategically on the excuse of "U.S. army reduction."

Thus, all efforts have been made to reorganize and reinforce the strategic system for invading the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through a joint operation of U.S. imperialism, Japanese militarism and the South Korean puppet clique.

The arms reinforcement and preparations for a new war stepped up by the U.S. imperialists in South Korea in the past one year with the deceptive racket of "U.S. army reduction" were, in fact, bigger than those in any preceding period in speed and scale.

The U.S. imperialists have extensively increased their air force and naval force in particular as a step for reinforcing the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops occupying South Korea.

They have introduced in succession many squadrons of fighter-bombers and tactical flying groups into South Korea from their bases in Japan proper and Okinawa and formed an "emergency task fleet" with warships belonging to the U.S. 7th Fleet as a link in their reinforcement of the naval force and placed it on a "stand-by alert" in the waters around our country.

Along with this, the U.S. imperialists decided to give the South Korean puppet clique huge additional military "aid" amounting to 1,000 million dollars and transfer military equipment worth of 100 million dollars of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops occupying South Korea to the South Korean puppet army in order to further reinforce and modernize it.

The U.S. imperialists have already increased the South Korean puppet troops up to 700,000. Yet, not content with this, they organized the "homeland reserve force" 2,500,000 strong and are stepping up its full armament and increasing its fighting capacity.

Moving the means of attack from their bases in Japan to the forward bases in South Korea, the U.S. imperialists declared that the bases of Japan would be put under the "joint control" of the United States and Japan. This virtually made it possible for the aggressor armed forces of Japanese militarism to participate in the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression in Korea at any time. Along with this, the U.S. imperialists established an "airborne operation system" to transport by plane its aggressor troops and weapons from the U.S. mainland to South Korea within the shortest possible time.

In order to establish such "airborne operation system," the U.S. imperialists staged a provocative military exercise what they called "Focus Retina" operation already in March 1969 and launched again a "large-scale airborne operation" called "Freedom Vault" early in March last.

While making haste to perfect war preparedness by massing their armed forces of aggression in South Korea and increasing the puppet armed forces on a large scale, the U.S. imperialists are ceaselessly committing all sorts of hostile provocative acts such as armed attack, rifle and gun firing and infiltration of armed spies to directly light the fuse of a new war.

In the last one year alone, the U.S. imperialist aggressors perpetrated the armed provocative acts on over 640 occasions all told, firing as many as over 221,000 shells and bullets into the area of our side.

The U.S. imperialists sent Vice-President Agnew, the notorious fascist warmaniac, and commanders of armed forces of all services and war-like bosses including Commander of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific, Commander of the U.S. Army, Chief of the Staff of the U.S. Army, Commander of the U.S. Air Force, Commander of the U.S. 7th Fleet and the U.S. Marine Commander one after another to South Korea to scurry about the frontline zone and military bases and perpetrated provocative acts against the northern half of the Republic along the Military Demarcation Line in a planned way.

All these facts clearly show that the racket of "U.S. army reduction" in South Korea does not keep away the danger of a new war in Korea but makes it more imminent.

We resolutely condemn the new war provocation manoeuvres maliciously pushed ahead by the U.S. imperialists behind the signboard of "U.S. army reduction" as a grave menace to peace in Korea and Asia and, furthermore, the world.

For the U.S. imperialists to talk about "army cutback," illegally occupying South Korea—this itself is an intolerable sophistry. The very occupation of South Korea by U.S. imperialism is the main obstacle to the peaceful unification of Korea and the permanent source of the tension and the danger of a new war in Korea. The U.S. imperialist aggressor troops must not "withdraw partially" but completely pull out of South Korea at once.

The grave danger of new war created in our country by U.S. imperialism has become all the more serious with the inveiglement of the Japanese militarists in it.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, taught as follows:

"Our country is the first target of attack for Japanese militarism in its foreign aggression. The Japanese militarists have already begun creeping into South Korea. Under the manipulation of U.S. imperialism, they have worked out most reckless war plans to invade Korea,

openly scheming to send their armed forces of aggression to the Korean front, and have gone so far as to declare the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a zone of operation."

In the past one year and more since the publication of the U.S.-Japan "joint statement," the Japanese militarists have entered the stage of not only strengthening in an allround way their domination over the political, economic and cultural fields of South Korea but also intensifying their military reinvasion of Korea in an undisguised way.

The Japanese militarists are openly clamouring that they would assume the role played so far by U.S. imperialism in South Korea, twaddling that Japan "could not but study how to defend South Korea by herself" to the tune of the U.S. imperialists' advertisement of the "reduction" of their aggressor army occupying South Korea.

The Sato clique rave that Japan may interfere in Korea under the U.S.-Japan "security pact" and may dispatch her troops to South Korea under the name of socalled "U.N. Force." They make no bones of hammering away the poppycock that they may dispatch Japanese troops to South Korea under the name of the socalled "protection of Japanese residents," the most favourite pretext used by the Japanese militarists each time they provoked a war of aggression in the past.

As a preparation to carry out such plan of military reinvasion, more than 100 bosses of the Japanese militarist army including the deputy director of the "Defence Agency" of Japan, the president of the Japanese "Defence institute," the chief of staff of the ground force of the "Defence Agency" of Japan and the director of the control bureau of the Japanese air "Self-Defence Force" made their appearance quite often in South Korea last year, too, acquainted themselves with war preparations looking around the area along the Military Demarcation Line and held war confabs with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

The Japanese militarists established the "emergency transport system" to transport large troops up to the Military Demarcation Line from Japan within 11 hours in case of emergency, by linking the Seoul-Pusan express highway, which they completed with their direct investment, with the Pusan-Shimonoseki ferry steamer, croaking that "if one can imagine the Self-Defence Forces operating in an area outside Japan proper in the 1970's, it will be in Korea." The Japanese militarists, teaching even the Korean language to the "Self-Defence Forces," are continually conducting their "cold-endurance training," "mobile training in mountains" and so forth in the areas whose climatic and topographical conditions are similar to Korea's and are ever more frequently staging joint military exercises with the U.S. imperialist aggressor army and South Korean puppet troops.

Things have come to such a pass that the reactionary Sato government decided to double the number of Japanese "military attaches" in South Korea and permanently station in South Korea the skeleton unit of the Japanese aggression army under the name of the mutual "exchange of military service" between officers of the Japanese "Self-Defence Forces" and officers of the South Korean puppet army.

The Japanese militarists entered the road of direct investment going beyond the stage of commodity export and granting of loans and have gone at last so far as to call for the establishment of a single "sphere of economic cooperation" through the integration of the South Korean economy and Japanese economy. This vividly shows to what extent the Japanese militarists have established their domination over South Korea today. This "sphere of economic cooperation" is designed precisely to place the South Korean economy completely under Japan's colonial subjugation.

Proceeding from the way of thinking that South Korea has already become a colony in the clutches of Japan, the Sato clique has gone the length of officially making without hesitation such provocative utterances that the Korean people were "the same Japanese nation" and the "South Korean youth must be more diligent in studying the Japanese language."

The most ambitious and aggressive nature of the Japanese militarists to swallow up Korea again remains unchanged.

All the developments show that the reactionary ruling circles of Japan are entering the dangerous stage of permitting themselves at any military adventure to more firmly maintain their domination already gained in their reinvasion of South Korea and expand it further.

However, the Japanese militarists should know that Korea today is not Korea yesterday and that their aggressive ambition can never be materialized.

Times have changed and things are not what they used to be.

The Korean people will never tolerate the reinvasion scheme of the Japanese militarists and will continue to fight relentlessly against it.

At this juncture when the U.S. imperialists are stepping up their manoeuvres to unleash a new war and the Japanese militarists, taking the tide, are expediting their reinvasion scheme and when the entire Korean people should rise up as one to frustrate them, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique in South Korea, unmasking to the full their filthy true colours as traitors to the nation, are exhausting all the human and material resources of South Korea in order to carry out the war policies of their two masters.

No sooner had the U.S. imperialists started

the deceptive "U.S. army reduction" advertisement than the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique, acting according to the script written previously, kicked up a row, entreating their master to make no "reduction" before the South Korean puppet army was "modernized," and keep the U.S. imperialist aggression army stationed in South Korea permanently. The earnest solicitation of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for the permanent occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggression army is nothing but a further self-revelation before the whole world of the miserable lot of this clique who, being completely isolated from the South Korean people, cannot live out even a single day unless they are protected by the bayonets of U.S. imperialism, and of their true colours as quislings.

At present the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique leave no means untried to "reinforce combat force" and "convert non-combat force into combat force" according to the requirements of the war policy of U.S. imperialism; they pressgang the young people into the puppet army at random, impose forced military training upon the students, reorganize the reserve divisions in the rear into combat divisions and organize new units so as to further perfect the war-time emergency mobilization system and increase the puppet army.

To back up their frantic war preparation machination the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique intensify the fascist suppression of the people and step up the militarization of the economy; they have the whole area of South Korea covered with the network of military bases including hundreds of military airfields and nuclear and rocket bases, have repaired harbours to adapt them to anchorages for the warships and atomic submarines of the U.S. 7th Fleet, and are newly building and expanding strategic roads on a large scale.

The Pak Jung Hi fascist clique, while faithfully serving the new-war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, give the Japanese militarists all extraterritorial privileges so that the latter can swarm into South Korea and rule the roost in all spheres including the military affairs without restriction as they do in their own country. To prove their invariable allegiance to their master, the Japanese militarists, these hordes of quislings crossed out the history of Korean aggression by Japanese imperialism from the textbooks of all schools in South Korea and even committed such a reckless act as to erect a "charnel-house" to keep for "consolation" the bones of the Japanese militarists who had died after committing all sorts of murderous and criminal acts against the Korean people.

The traitorous clique restored last year even the "Shimonoseki-Pusan ferry-steamer line" directly connecting Japan with South Korea, raving that "the Hyonhae Straits no longer exists now."

Denouncing the restoration of the "Shimonoseki-Pusan ferry-steamer line" that had earned the grudge of the Korean people as the "Unyogo in changed mask," even a South Korean magazine wrote:

"The ferry-steamer, which served as a bridge in colonial domination and continental aggression, shipped in gendarmes and weapons to tread under foot this country in the past days. In exchange, it shipped out our young kiths and kins and good rice. Let us ask the Hyonhae Straits, what that steamer will ship in now?"

It is only too clear that like in the past, through that aggressive ferry-steamer line the Japanese militarists will ship in numerous aggressor troops and lethal weapons for Korean aggression, and capital, surplus goods and corrupt culture as a means for exploitation and subjugation, and ship out all the precious wealth of South Korea.

As a result of such traitorous acts of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, South Korea is being reduced to a dual colony of U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism where no trace of sovereignty is to be found, to an "alien land" other than Korea.

Indeed, the past 10 years since the seizure of the puppet regime by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique with the backing of U.S. imperialism have been the dark period of the most cruel military fascist rule in which they have turned South Korea more thoroughly into a military base of aggression and a military appendage to U.S. imperialism, doggedly obstructed the peaceful unification of the country and subordinated everything to the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war and the Japanese militarist reinvasion scheme.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, taught as follows:

"...The regime of military fascist dictatorship established in South Korea faithfully serves the U.S. imperialist policies of colonial enslavement and war. The military fascist dictatorship enforced by the U.S. imperialists in South Korea surpasses by far the fascist dictatorship of Hitler and Tojo in ferocity and barbarity and has become a pattern of the malicious fascist rule of the imperialists over colonies."

The May 16 "military coup" staged by U.S. imperialism by instigating the Pak Jung Hi military gang was just aimed at checking the fast-mounting massive advance of the South Korean people and evergrowing tendency towards the peaceful unification of the country after the April 19 uprising.

The Pak Jung Hi military gangsters have since the moment of their seizure of the power of the puppet regime, employing unprecedentedly barbarous methods, trampled underfoot even the elementary democratic freedom and rights of the people, dissolved forcibly all pol-

itical parties and public organizations, closed down numerous organs of the press and wantonly arrested, jailed and massacred hundreds of thousands of revolutionaries and patriotic people.

They imposed the most harsh penalties especially upon large numbers of pressmen and democratic personages who advocated the peaceful unification of the fatherland and the North-South interchange and inflicted heavy punishment on South Korean people who utter the mere words "peaceful unification."

After the establishment of their military fascist rule the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have committed all sorts of traitorous acts which even their predecessors could not dare to do.

The Pak Jung Hi clique, professing themselves to be the "Second Li Wan Yong," brought the treacherous "ROK-Japan Treaty" to a conclusion putting down with bloody suppression the repeated fierce oppositions of the youths and students and people in South Korea, and have started to usher Japanese militarism, their old master, into South Korea in real earnest.

These traitorous clique, unsatisfied even with selling the country and nation, have gone so far as to sell the middle-aged and youths of South Korea as cheap cannon-fodder to the battlefields of Viet Nam where U.S. imperialism is waging a dirty war of aggression. The fact that, though they could get, for all their frenzied efforts, only hundreds or thousands of men as cannon-fodder for their aggressive war in Viet Nam from their so-called allies and satellite countries, the U.S. imperialists obtained from South Korea as many as over 50,000 troops, alone shows what a faithful lackey of U.S. imperialism the Pak Jung Hi clique are.

The Pak Jung Hi clique who "are engaged" in human traffic sell under the name of "manpower export" a great number of our compatriots in South Korea as slaves to many countries of Europe and Latin America and even perpetrate without hesitation such a thrice-cursed atrocity as exporting the viscera of abortives as "goods."

In order to justify their diabolical anti-popular traitorous crimes the Pak Jung Hi clique have used "anti-communism" as an important political and ideological means, raving more loudly about the non-existent "threat of southward aggression."

However, such a clamour of theirs reminding one of a thief calling "stop thief" can never pull the wool over the eyes of the masses.

Originally, there has been, and can be, no "threat of southward aggression." It is a clear fact to anyone that today the peace and security of our country are jeopardized and the tension is constantly aggravated here precisely because the U.S. imperialist aggression army is continually occupying South Korea, pursuing the policy of aggression and war.

The Pak Jung Hi clique, in an attempt to cover up their traitorous acts, have also loudly talked about what they call the "modernization" of the country, the "high-speed growth" of the economy, the "relief of the people's living" and the like, under the signboard of "national independence" and "patriotism."

But it, too, can not deceive anyone.

Even South Korean publications, despite strict gag placed on them, expose that the "independence" blunted by the Pak Jung Hi clique is no more than "subjugation;" "modernization" is meant "Japanization" or "modernization towards grave;" and the "high-speed growth" on the heap of foreign debts is nothing but a "castle on the sand."

In fact, "modernization" and the like vaunted by the Pak Jung Hi clique is nothing but a deceptive trickery designed to further militarize the South Korean economy, shackle it more thoroughly to the aggressive and war policies of the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists.

As a consequence of all sorts of the traitorous acts committed by the Pak Jung Hi rogues under absurd deceptive signboards, foreign monopoly capital is holding sway in South Korea, whereas national capital has become totally bankrupt and dislocated, the countryside is on the verge of ruin, prices jump up murderously, and unprecedented depression with increasing number of the unemployed is sweeping the whole of South Korea.

The handful of traitors to the nation including the traitor Pak Jung Hi have thus fattened through the "high-speed growth" in the literal sense at the expense of the country and nation and the sweat and blood of the people but, on the contrary, the popular masses representing the majority of the South Korean population are more ill-clad and ill-fed in a hopeless condition of poverty.

As we see, South Korean society is a blessed world for the pro-U.S. and pro-Japanese stooges engaged in treachery whereas it is a terrible living hell for the masses of people.

The Pak Jung Hi clique must be duly given a stern judgement by the Korean people for their anti-popular traitorous crimes which will never be atoned for ever.

But these brazen-faced quislings are making more desperate efforts to remain in power for a long time, fabricating by force even their own "constitution."

The U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists are actively backing the Pak Jung Hi clique, their most faithful stooges, to maintain and utilize them for ever as their tools for aggression and war, and it is said that the Japanese militarists have already provided the Pak Jung Hi bandits with a huge sum of money amounting to 100 million dollars as a political fund for the puppet "presidential elec-

tion" to be held shortly in South Korea.

The Pak Jung Hi clique who deem it the sole way of living their remaining days to show fidelity to their masters, have got themselves ready to set fire to the fuse of a new war against the northern half of the Republic and commit any other criminal acts if ordered by their two masters, U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism, and more recklessly indulge in war racket and fascist oppression.

As seen above, our country today is in an unprecedentedly tense and dangerous situation owing to the reckless manoeuvres for aggression carried on in conspiratorial collusion between the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and to the traitorous acts of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique. The developments show that if we leave this situation alone it will involve immeasurable serious consequences. In such case, South Korea, above all, will be reduced again to a complete colony of Japanese militarism, in addition to the colony of U.S. imperialism, and the peaceful unification of the fatherland will become a matter of further distant future and the South Korean people be subjected to greater misfortunes and sufferings under the two-fold, three-fold oppression. War is inescapably to break out again in our country if we leave this situation alone under the condition where the traitor Pak Jung Hi, as a dual lackey of the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, is running head over heels to realize the "unification by prevailing over communism" by invading the northern half of the Republic in accordance with their war policies.

Of course, we are never afraid of the enemy's threat of war.

The great Leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, said as follows:

"...We can say confidently that we can readily knock down any aggressor, as long as we have the sagacious leadership of the Marxist-Leninist Party, the fathomless strength of our people united closely around the Party, the powerful independent economy, the invincible revolutionary army, the all-people armed force and the fortified territory."

The U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists must draw lessons from the history of the defeats they suffered in the periods of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the last Korean war, waged by our people, and should not cut up rough, looking squarely at the reality of today.

We strongly demand that the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists stop the nefarious machinations for aggression and war against the Korean people at once and get out of South Korea unconditionally.

If the enemies, turning a deaf ear to our repeated warnings, dare to attack us by force of arms, our people will completely wipe out the aggressors so that none of them may return home alive, and will bury them in the grave of ruin once and for all.

Comrades deputies,

The pressing task facing us today when a grave situation like this has been created in our country is to take without loss of time determined national-salvation measures for stopping and frustrating resolutely the new war provocation machinations of the enemies, for preventing the U.S. imperialists from dominating South Korea permanently and making it impossible for the Japanese militarists to rule it again and for smashing the traitorous acts of the Pak Jung Hi clique thoroughly.

A long time of more than 25 years has already gone since our country's liberation from the yoke of brutal Japanese imperialist colonial rule.

It has been a period during which the territory of our country which is one geographically has remained bisected and our nation of one and the same ancestry has undergone the misfortune and suffering of national split hardly to be seen in its history due to the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists. The entire Korean people have unanimously longed for the day of national unification feeling as if one day were a thousand days in the circumstances where the history of national split has continued without any contact between the North and South until a new generation has grown up.

But we have not yet achieved national unification we desire so eagerly and only the danger of new national distress is increasing more and more. We can not remain indifferent to these developments today.

We consider that what is most important at this critical juncture is for the entire people of North and South Korea to rise as one, closely united, in a nation-wide joint struggle for nipping the long-term office scheme of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique in South Korea and ending their military fascist dictatorship, making the U.S. imperialist aggressors withdraw from it, thwarting the reinvasion machination of Japanese militarism and achieving the country's independent peaceful unification.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, taught as follows:

"People who are apprenhensive of the future of the country and the destiny of the nation should exert utmost efforts to end the tragedy of the split nation and realize the cause of the whole nation, the unification of the country, by exploiting every possibility."

Today in South Korea, too, the sentiments of opposing the criminal policies of aggression pursued by the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and the traitorous acts of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are fast rising.

and the patriotic democratic forces demanding peace in the country and its peaceful unification and the democratization of the society are growing day by day. And the struggle of the South Korean revolutionaries and the patriotic people for overthrowing the colonial rule of U.S. imperialism and the fascist dictatorship of its puppet clique keeps mounting in various forms.

Availing ourselves of this opportunity, we extend the warmest, fraternal support and encouragement to the entire South Korean people who are waging the indomitable, valiant struggle for the right to existence, democratic freedom, national liberation and the unification of the country even under the circumstances where the fascist repression by U.S. imperialism and its pawns is at its zenith.

One of the most striking features of the struggle of the South Korean people which is mounting day by day at present is that the desire to realize the North-South unification at the earliest possible date has run high as never before among the broad masses of the people in South Korea.

The aspiration for the interchange between the North and South and for the peaceful unification of the country, though suppressed and repressed by U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi clique through their barbarous military fascist tyranny, has now turned into a powerful trend of the times in South Korea that nothing can ever hold in check, and has become embedded firmly in the minds of the South Korean people as a predominant thought of the times.

A strong tide of this desire for the peaceful unification that is flowing in a whirl at the bottom of the South Korean society under the heavy pressure of fascist suppression has, at last, caught the people of broader social strata and even the political forces of various parties and groups in South Korea.

Recently some South Korean political figures are demanding the interchange between the North and South and others are calling for measures to ease tension between them, in an effort to pave the way to the peaceful solution of the problem of national unification. Maintaining that the policy of unifying the country by force of arms should be given up and that the questions between the North and South should be solved by peaceful means so as to lay foundations for the final unification, they have suggested the concrete measures for that purpose. Their measures are, first of all, to conclude an agreement not to resort to arms between the North and South and make non-political direct contacts such as correspondence, interchange of journalists and sporting events, etc. They have stated that they will further strive to find a way to the political and economic contact with the northern half, in case the above-mentioned measures are carried into practice. At the same time, holding that no foreign aggressive forces should try to use Korea as a theatre of war, they have made clear their stand that they oppose the "leading role" of Japan in Asia. More, resolutely opposing the military fascist dictatorship of Pak Jung Hi, they say that they will even venture upon the second April 19 resistance in order to eliminate his dictatorial regime.

There are, needless to say, a number of limitations in their policy statements. But it is a good and welcome thing to demand peace against war in the country, oppose the outside forces and call for the interchange between the North and South and the peaceful unification, and strive for democracy against fascist dictatorship.

We express support to such policy statements made by the South Korean political circles, considering that they are of affirmative significance for easing the prevailing tension and accomplishing the historic cause of the North-South unification, the long-cherished desire of the whole nation.

Such a brisk movement as seen nowadays in the South Korean political circles, too, vividly shows that there is ample ground for the North and South to join hands irrespective of political views and religious beliefs, if all of us are sincerely concerned about the future destiny of the whole nation and value the common national interests above anything else. This proves that they are also at one with us in the points that the tragedy of the national split should be continued no longer and the unification, the long-cherished desire of the nation, be realized peacefully, that for the unification the fellow countrymen in the North and South should come into contact with each other and conduct interchange first of all and that democracy should be won against fascist dictatorship.

There is no reason why all the patriotic forces in the North and South should not join hands and unite efforts with each other, inasmuch as they have the common views on the fundamental issues that have bearing upon the future destiny of the nation.

True, never before has our nation felt the need of banding together all the patriotic forces in the North and the South more keenly than now, and never before have we had more ripe conditions for meeting the need than today. Now is time for all the patriotic-minded people born in this country, not asking whether they live in the North or South of the divided country and whether they are Communists or nationalists, atheists or religious men, to fight in unity to save the nation in a great crisis, for the sacred common cause of the nation.

It is from such a point of view that we now ardently call upon all the patriotic political

parties and public organizations, the people of all walks of life and individual personages in South Korea to join hands with us and come out as one in the nation-wide joint struggle for sweeping away Pak Jung Hi, quisling and traitor, for materializing the complete withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army, instead of its "reduction," and foiling the reinvasion scheme of Japanese militarism against South Korea under the banner of anti-imperialism, anti-fascism and democratization.

All should turn out vigorously in the struggle, first of all, to frustrate the new war provocation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, oppose their fascist repression and win the democratic rights and freedom, in order to further mature the conditions for national unification and open a door for the contact and negotiation between the North and South.

A broad mass movement for the North-South negotiation and the peaceful unification of the country should be unfolded in towns and the countryside, at work places and schools, at home and on the streets and elsewhere in South Korea, a suppression of the unification movement should be smashed and the right for everyone to discuss the question of unification freely should be won.

In this way, the high-pitched people's voice "we can not live without unification" should be made to ring out all over South Korea to shake it till the barrier between the North and South is torn down, and the Pak Jung Hi clique dead set against national unification should be toppled through the powerful anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-Pak Jung Hi struggle.

Even those who committed the crimes against the nation in the past should be induced not to follow the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique any longer but to return to their national conscience and join in this nation-wide joint struggle.

In fact, today the South Korean people are in a more urgent and remarkable situation than ever before in which they have to choose one of the two alternatives. One is to tolerate longer the military fascist dictatorship of the Pak Jung Hi clique and thereby be forced to remain slaves while continuously suffering from the neo-colonialist domination of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and from the permanent national division. The other is to overthrow the Pak Jung Hi clique and bring a new government and a new life into being and thus reunite the split nation and achieve the peaceful unification of the country.

No one in South Korea, in fact, will be willing to betray his nation and reduce himself to a slave of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists in the same boat with the Pak Jung Hi clique, a band of quislings and traitors!

The Pak Jung Hi clique are brazen-facedly prattling that the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists are the "helpers," "protectors" and "collaborators" of the South Korean people and that the enemy is in the North.

However, the U.S. imperialists are the Korean people's sworn enemy who has invaded our country for over a century to this date since the intrusion of the "General Sherman." The Japanese militarists are our nation's inveterate enemy who imposed colonial slavery upon us Korean people, trampled underfoot all that were beautiful in our country and plundered them for nearly half a century. Today, too, they are craftily manoeuvring to cover up their criminal nature. But they remain as ever the aliens who are radically different from the Korean people, the masked aggressors, oppressors and plunderers, however hard they may whitewash themselves.

We are one nation in the same boat; we are in a position to share life and death, weal and woe with each other. Never can we go against each other to live a life with the foreign enemies.

The very fact that the voice calling for the North-South interchange and the peaceful unification is getting louder in South Korea today patently substantiates that the hearts of the people in North and South Korea are overflowing as ever with the feeling of unbreakable kinship as one nation, though they have been unable to meet with each other for a quarter of one century as a result of the territorial bisection, and that no force can put down their brotherly intimacy and the common aspiration for the unity of the nation.

The South Korean people should no longer leave alone the Pak Jung Hi clique who are only interested in perpetuating national split and igniting a war and imposing sanguinary fascist repression and cursed slave life upon them as the masters instruct.

We are firmly convinced that the South Korean people will never tolerate the nefarious long-term office manoeuvres of the Pak Jung Hi clique and that if this band of fascist traitors establishes a system for long-term office in the end by means of fraudulence and violence in contradiction to the will of the people, the South Korean people will smash it completely through a resolute mass struggle and put an end to fascist terror rule without fail.

In this way, a people's regime should be established or patriotic-minded democratic persons should attain power in South Korea. This is the only way of frustrating the notorious "Nixon doctrine" of U.S. imperialism, foiling the reinvasion machination of Japanese militarism and preventing the danger of another war, achieving the country's peaceful unification and realizing the democratization

of South Korean society.

Just now comes round the spring of April when, 11 years ago, the puppet regime led by Syngman Rhee, an old pawn of U.S. imperialism, was overthrown by the heroic struggle of the South Korean people.

As was shown by the April 19 Popular Uprising, when the angry masses of the people join strength and rise as one in the struggle against the oppressors, they can pull down any fortress of the enemy.

Today the Pak Jung Hi clique are running amuck with no discretion in long-term office manoeuvres. This only hastens their own miserable end. In the past, after traitor Syngman Rhee came to assume "presidency" with the help of bayonets of U.S. imperialism, he, with the hope of retaining the post, illegally revised the "constitution" in succession for his "second" and "third term" elections but when he tried to concoct his "fourth" return and "life-time presidency," he met with the eruption of pent-up indignation of the people and licked the dust. Now traitor Pak Jung Hi is following the road of ruin the traitor Syngman Rhee traversed.

In the last few days alone in Seoul a number of students of the Liberal Arts and Science College, Commercial College, Law College and Normal College of the Seoul University, and Korea University, Yonse University, Songgyungwan University and Sogang College, etc., have valiantly put up various forms of mass struggle including street demonstrations every day against the fascist system of military education of the Pak Jung Hi band, for campus democracy in resolute rejection of the criminal deceptive "election" plots and for democratic rights and freedom.

This shows that the discontent and disapproval of the South Korean school youths and people with fascist repression and war policy by U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi clique started to burst out again. The flames of the struggle are spreading ever broader, throwing U.S. imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi band into unrest and terror.

We highly praise the resourceful and gallant, just struggle of the South Korean school youths and express ardent militant solidarity with them.

To throw out the foreign imperialist aggressor forces and their lackeys and achieve the country's independent peaceful unification by the Korean people themselves is the consistent, principled stand of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic. Proceeding from this stand, we have put forward on many occasions a series of fair and reasonable national-salvation proposals to expedite the peaceful unification of the country. But, the Pak Jung Hi clique have been dead set against the country's independent peaceful unification, raving that Korea's unification must rely only on the "U.N.-supervised elections" and be a "unification by prevailing over communism."

The Pak Jung Hi band's vociferation about the "U.N.-supervised elections" is only aimed at letting the outside forces meddle in the question of our country's unification, an internal affair of the Korean people, "legalizing" the aggressive war U.S. imperialism perpetrated in Korea under the flag of the U.N. and extending U.S. imperialist colonial rule imposed upon South Korea to the northern half of the Republic.

The "unification by prevailing over communism" they are prattling means, in the last analysis, unleashing a war against the northern half and leaving South Korea for ever in the hands of U.S. imperialism as its colony, instead of unifying the country.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi advanced of late a "peaceful unification programme" in order to dampen the ever-increasing trend towards peaceful unification in South Korea and cover up his true colours as a traitor to the nation who is dead set against the unification of the country. It is also nothing but an out-and-out deceptive political propaganda full of lies and deceits, devoid of any measures for the settlement of the question of national unification.

Still now traitor Pak Jung Hi is making desperate efforts to block the path to unification in every way, saying that advocation of contacts and exchange between the North and South is to be regarded as "sentimental" and "impetuous" and it may cause "social confusion," etc.

All these facts clearly prove that we cannot have any discussion with traitor Pak Jung Hi on the issue of national unification.

As were fully revealed by the facts that traitor Pak Jung Hi swore openly to the U.S. imperialist masters that he would "live forever alongside the stars and stripes" and pledged to the Japanese militarist masters, avowing himself their "son" that he would "live in the spirit of the royalists in the Meiji restoration," he was a stooge by nature. Therefore, we have no other choice but to overthrow, by our joint efforts, this dirty traitor to the nation who was historically a stooge, and so is still today.

When people's power is established in South Korea or patriotic-minded new figures assume power after the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialists and the downfall of traitor Pak Jung Hi, we will negotiate with them willingly on the question of the peaceful unification and join hands with them not only in the struggle for national unification but also for making the country prosperous, wealthy and developed after the country is unified.

As for the country's peaceful unification programme which will serve as a basis for our negotiation with them, the Workers' Party of

Korea and the Government of the Republic hereby again declare that the fair, just and reasonable proposals repeatedly made so far are not yet revoked but still valid.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, taught as follows:

"The basic line of national unification maintained all along by the Government of the Republic is to unify the North and South by the Korean people themselves independently on democratic principles without any interference of outside forces following the withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea."

The peaceful unification programme consistently maintained by the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic can be summarized into the following 8 points:

Firstly, to make the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops withdraw from South Korea.

The U.S. imperialist occupation of South Korea is the main obstacle to the unification of Korea, the root cause of all misfortunes and sufferings our nation is undergoing, and the very source creating the tension and the danger of a new war in Korea. Therefore, the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops is the prerequisite to relaxing tension, removing the threats of war in our country and attaining the peaceful unification.

The stationing of foreign troops is not needed for the solution of Korea's unification problem.

There are no foreign troops whatsoever in the northern half of the Republic.

Where there are foreign troops, there can be neither genuine peace nor can the nation's just will be realized. In view of all this, it is necessary for the peaceful unification of Korea to make, first of all, the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops withdraw from South Korea.

Secondly, to reduce the armed forces in North and South Korea to 100,000 or less each after the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops.

With such a measure, an end must be put to aggressive acts of provocation against the northern half of the Republic and the North and the South must join their efforts in a struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism. This will help the people lighten their burdens of military expenses, create an atmosphere of mutual trust between North and South Korea and will serve as a reliable guarantee for maintaining a durable peace in Korea.

Thirdly, to abolish and declare invalid the "ROK-U.S. mutual defence pact," the "ROK-Japan Treaty" and all the other treacherous and shackling treaties and agreements the South Korean puppet regime concluded with foreign countries against the interests of the nation.

The complete unification and independence of the country cannot be realized as long as there exist these treaties and agreements which allow colonial domination and all forms of interference in the internal affairs by foreign aggressors, opened an unrestricted way for the infiltration of foreign capital that results in placing the country under heavy debts and ruining national capital and aim at military aggression against the northern half of the Republic.

Fourthly, to establish a unified central government by holding free North-South general elections independently on a democratic basis.

Such general elections should, of course, be held without any interference from outside forces following the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops from South Korea. The elections should be held on the principles of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot in a completely free and democratic atmosphere precluding all conditions that might hamper or repress, even to the slightest degree, the expression of the will of the people, and any unfair elections should be rejected resolutely.

Fifthly, to ensure all the political parties, public organizations and individual personages complete freedom of political activity in the whole areas of North and South Korea and unconditionally release all the political offenders and patriots arrested and imprisoned in South Korea for the reason that they fought for the cause of the country's unification, in order to hold free North-South general elections.

All the citizens should be entitled to exercise the rights to elect and to be elected throughout Korea with equal rights, irrespective of party affiliation, political views, property status, education, religious beliefs and sex and should be thoroughly guaranteed freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration.

Sixthly, to establish a Confederation of North and South Korea as a transitional step, while leaving the present differing social systems in the North and the South intact, if need be, prior to complete unification.

It is the best and shortest way to the peaceful unification of our country to establish a unified democratic government through free North-South general elections. We suggest, however, that if the South Korean authorities cannot accept this right away, then a supreme national committee be organized to promote mutual cooperation and interchange between both sides for the common interests of the nation, while retaining the existing social systems in North and South Korea, so as to gradually attain complete unification. Such a transitional step will be acceptable even to

those who have certain misgivings about the solution of the unification question because of the differences of the social system between the North and South.

Seventhly, to materialize trade and economic cooperation, mutual interchange and cooperation in various spheres such as science, culture, arts and physical culture between the North and South, and realize exchange of letters and travel of people between the North and the South.

This means that if the South Korean authorities find it difficult to accept even the establishment of the Confederation, an economic committee be organized with representatives of North and South Korea to start at least economic intercourse and cooperation independently of political problems for the time being so as to rehabilitate the ravaged South Korean economy and promote the common prosperity of the nation.

It also means restoring the cultural ties to expedite national approach and the uniform development of the country step by step further still, while lessening the sufferings of national split even a little. It signifies that in case the South Korean authorities cannot accept even these transitional steps, then the parents, wives and children, relatives and friends separated in the North and the South for a long time be made to write to each other and meet each other as the minimum humanitarian measure.

Eighthly, to hold a political consultative meeting of North and South Korea with the attendance of all political parties and public organizations and all those of popular character to negotiate the above-mentioned problems.

This political consultative meeting may be convened at any place and at any time agreed upon by both sides.

This 8-point programme of ours for the unification of the country is the most realistic one acceptable to anyone who is truly desirous of the peaceful unification of the country.

Besides, we will accept anyone's suggestion helpful to the unification of the country and make all sincere efforts to attain mutual understanding and agreement.

The most important thing in tiding over the imminent national crisis facing us now is for the Koreans to sit together and jointly discuss the ways for it.

Today when the U.S. imperialists are trying to impose another aggressive war upon our people and the Japanese militarists, hand in glove with the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, are working hard to convert South Korea into their colony again, we fellow countrymen cannot remain antagonistic to each other and separated from each other any longer because of the difference of political views.

The time has come for us Koreans to sit together at one place regardless of political views, religious beliefs and past doings in order to settle our problem by ourselves in our land of 3,000 *ri*.

Here we formally propose that the representatives of political parties, public organizations and individual personages in North and South Korea sit together at Panmunjom or in a third country at any time to have a heart-to-heart consultation with each other.

Anyone who is really concerned about the destinies of the country and the nation cannot leave alone indefinitely the deplorable reality of today when the tragedy of our national split that began in the 1940's still remains unended up until the 1970's through the 50's and 60's owing to the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and the criminal acts of the handful of traitorous clique in South Korea who are fawning on and kowtowing to the U.S. imperialists.

The sooner the unification is realized, the better it is and the further the division is prolonged, the more our misfortunes grow.

We firmly believe that all the patriotic political parties and public organizations and people of various strata and individual personages in South Korea will actively respond to our earnest appeal for national salvation so that our beloved fatherland may not be trodden underfoot again by the foreign aggressors and the major premise for the peaceful unification of the country be provided as early as possible.

Comrades deputies,

The Korean people are a people who built up proud cultural traditions from the dawn of human history and a resourceful and civilized nation who are fully capable of solving their national question on their own.

Our people have inherited the most glorious revolutionary traditions established in person by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, peerless patriot and national hero, in the 15-year-long arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Under the sagacious guidance of the great Leader of the nation, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean people emerged victorious in the bloody struggle against the Japanese imperialists who were hell-bent on Asian domination, and inflicted a shameful military defeat on the U.S. imperialists who boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, the first of its kind in their history, and started the U.S. imperialists on the downgrade.

The people in the northern half wrought a great miracle in the building of a new country and made epochal strides from poverty and backwardness to national flourish and prosperity in historically so short a space of time.

The people in South Korea, under the circumstances different from those of the people in the northern half, demonstrated the patriot-

ic stamina and indomitable fighting spirit of our nation through their heroic struggle against the foreign aggressors and their lackeys.

From the first days of the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists, the South Korean people have persistently fought against their policies of colonial enslavement and national split and administered repeated blows to the enemy.

As long as there are the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, the sun of our nation, and the burning patriotic zeal and the united strength of the North and South Korean people steeled in the protracted struggle against foreign imperialism, we can fully tide over the grave situation of today, pave the way for the unification of the fatherland and firmly guarantee the prosperity and happiness of the morrow.

Today the general situation is turning further in favour of the struggle of the Korean people for the peaceful unification of the fatherland with every passing day.

The struggle of our people against the aggression and war manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and for smashing the colonial fascist rule in South Korea and realizing the independent, peaceful unification of the fatherland is just and it enjoys the active support and encouragement of the progressive peoples the world over.

The world people are raising higher their voices denouncing the policy of aggression and war pursued by the U.S. imperialists in South Korea and demanding their complete withdrawal, condemning the brutal suppression of the South Korean patriotic people by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique and opposing the reinvasion scheme of Japanese militarism.

All this constitutes a great encouragement and inspiration to the just struggle of our people.

Availing ourselves of this opportunity, we express deep thanks to the governments of all the peace-loving countries of the world and the progressive political parties, organizations and peoples of various countries for their active support and encouragement to the righteous struggle of the Korean people.

Korea today is a front where the anti-imperialist struggle is going on most fiercely in direct confrontation with the ringleader of world imperialism, and the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle of our people is developing in close connection with the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle which is being waged vigorously on a world-wide scale.

We ardently appeal to the socialist countries, independent national states in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the governments and peoples of all the peace-loving countries of the world to render in the days to come greater support and encouragement to the nation-wide struggle of the Korean people against the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and their stooges and for the independent, peaceful unification of the fatherland.

When our country is unified, it will be a big country with a population of 40 million, a country which is as rich and strong as others.

The day of the country's unification, the long-cherished desire of our nation, is not far off.

Whether we tide over the present grave situation and bring nearer the country's peaceful unification or not depends entirely on the unity and struggle of us Korean people themselves.

The entire people of North and South Korea will smash without fail the criminal scheme of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and Pak Jung Hi, the traitor to the nation, for the perpetuation of the split of the nation and accomplish the historic cause of the country's unification by waging vigorously a nation-wide struggle for national salvation in firm unity, and build a united, rich, powerful and prosperous state where the 40 million compatriots enjoy happiness all together in the 3,000-*ri* lovely land defended by our people from generation to generation.

Let us all march ahead vigorously for the independent unification of the country, our greatest national task, and for bringing earlier the new dawn of unification which will usher in a new era in the history of the fatherland.

Appeal of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the South Korean Fellow Countrymen, Brothers and Sisters, and the Personages of Political Parties and Public Organisations

South Korean fellow-countrymen, brothers and sisters!

Members of political parties and public organisations!

All the personages who love the country!

A very grave situation has been created in South Korea today urging all the Koreans who set store by the destiny of the fatherland and the nation to new national awakening.

The U.S. imperialists occupying South Korea, in conspiracy and league with the Japanese militarists, are further stepping up the policies of aggression and war and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their zealous followers, are getting more unscrupulous in their treachery against the nation.

While expanding their brigandish war of aggression against the Vietnamese people to Cambodia, Laos and all other parts of Indochina under the notorious slogan of "Nixon doctrine," the U.S. imperialists are openly scheming to kindle the flame of another war in our country, stating that the "point of showdown" in the 1970's is "northeast Asia, Korea in particular."

Behind the curtain of the delusive farce of "partial cutback of the U.S. forces in South Korea," the U.S. imperialists are now stepping up with rare frenzy the manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war which they have sought persistently in South Korea.

In their fuss about the socalled "army cutback," the U.S. imperialists pursue the wicked aim of deceiving world public opinion with "peace" hoax, while further reinforcing their aggressor armed forces occupying South Korea, largely increasing the South Korean puppet army and completing the "U.S.-Japan-South Korea joint operation system" by drawing Japanese militarism into South Korea.

Under this criminal plan, the U.S. imperialists have already brought in a number of fighter squadrons and tactical flying groups from Japan and U.S. mainland and continued introducing a huge air force and naval ships and various new-type weapons on a wholesale scale into South Korea. And they are making haste with what they call the "modernisation" of the South Korean puppet army and the "conversion into combat force" of the "homeland reserve forces," giving the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique additional "military aid" to the tune of 1,000 million dollars and military equipment worth 100 million dollars.

The war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists have converted South Korea today literally into huge barracks where armed forces millions strong are amassed, into a large ammunition depot where everything is subordinated to the fulfilment of the war policy. Not yet contented, the U.S. imperialists stage in succession such big-scale air-borne operation exercises as the "Focus Retina Operation" and "Freedom Vault Operation," having set up a system of emergency transport operation for bringing more units of aggressor forces and war supplies any time they want from the mainland of the United States and Japan.

The further the U.S. imperialists advance in their criminal plan to unleash a war in our country, the more reckless they become in their play with fire. They are ceaselessly committing military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the air,

on the ground and in the sea, staging almost everyday joint military exercises of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces and the South Korean puppet army "under the simulated conditions of the second Korean war."

The daily growing danger of war in our country is being rendered still graver by the reinvasion of South Korea by the Japanese militarists which is being accelerated under the manipulation of the U.S. imperialists.

The U.S. imperialists have long since revived and rearmed the Japanese militarist forces and zealously fanned their wild ambition for overseas expansion with the vile intention to use them as the "shock force" in Asian aggression.

Again appearing on the scene as a dangerous force of aggression in Asia under the aegis of the U.S. imperialists, the Japanese militarists are today making a reckless bid for the realization of their old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere" banking on the U.S. imperialists' Asian strategy, and are putting fresh muscle into their military compact with the U.S. imperialists and rapidly reinforcing their ground, naval and air forces.

Our country is the first target of attack in Japanese militarism's overseas aggression.

The Japanese militarists have already made their way deep into South Korea and are acting the master second only to the U.S. imperialists. Claiming that "Japan should take over the role" of the U.S. imperialists in South Korea, they are not only establishing their rule over all the political, economic and cultural spheres, but also have entered the stage of open military intrusion.

After proclaiming South Korea as the "defence line of Japan," the Japanese militarists are also hastening war preparations against the Korean people under the pretext of "studying a plan for defence of South Korea." Having worked out adventurous "operational plans" for aggression on our country, they are setting up an "emergency transport system" for carrying huge armed forces up to the Military Demarcation Line in our country from Japan in short time through Shimonoseki and Pusan in case of emergency. Teaching the Korean language to the "self-defence forces" and imparting them the "cold-endurance training" and "mobile training in mountains" suited to the climate and terrain of Korea, they are making full preparations for sending their aggressor armed forces to the Korean front and even talking about a "forestalling attack" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Things have gone to the extent where the Japanese militarists are openly weaving plots to double the number of the Japanese military officers stationed in South Korea and permanently station a skeleton unit of the Japanese "self-defence forces" in South Korea under the cloak of "exchange of military service" and "exchange of trainees."

Today when the U.S. and Japanese aggressors, in conspiracy with each other, are hurrying with their aggression and war provocation moves in our country, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are running the whole gamut of treachery, following them eagerly.

Staging a play written by the U.S. imperialists, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are begging for the permanent occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces, clinging to the sleeve of the master raising an "army cutback" din, and offering the manpower and material resources of South Korea, lock, stock and barrel, to the U.S. imperialists for executing their war policy. They have increased the South Korean puppet army to more than 700,000 men and, on top of it, organised the new "homeland reserve forces" above 2,500,000 strong, and are reorganising the "reserve divisions" into "combat divisions" and drafting all the youth and middle-aged except the crippled as cannon-fodder for the U.S. imperialists.

By inducing a colossal amount of foreign capital, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have placed the South Korean economy under the control of the foreign monopoly capital and are hastening the militarisation of the economy, and continue building and expanding military bases and military setups such as military airfields, rocket bases, naval ports and strategic highways all over South Korea. Crying for a "war-time system," they are intensifying plunder through taxation to cover the military spendings and requisitioning arbitrarily for military use whatever property ranging from land and forests to food and buildings.

Professing themselves to be "Li Wan Yong the Second," the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique even commit the criminal act of ushering in South Korea the Japanese militarists, the sworn enemy of our nation. They installed in the heart of Seoul the "Japanese embassy" reminding one of the "government general" in the past and are leaving South Korea under its political domination and ensuring every extraterritorial privilege to the advance party of the Japanese militarist aggression. They are pushing the South Korean economy into the economic sphere of Japan by ushering in Japanese militarist monopolies and concerns and flooding South Korea with the Japanese style along with the western style, by introducing the corrupt Japanese culture. They have erased the history of the Japanese imperialist aggression on Korea from the textbooks of the South Korean schools on all levels and act a contemptible dog without compunction by building a "charnel house" to rake together the bones of the Japs who met their end while suppressing and murdering our people in the past days, and "console" their soul, and they have even chosen of late to usher in the aggressor

armed forces of Japan.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have also herded out tens of thousands of South Korean youths and middle-aged persons to the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression in South Viet Nam as their bullet-shields to die dog's deaths and make no bones of committing trade in human life, selling a large number of South Korean compatriots as slaves to foreign countries like commodities under the cloak of "emigration" and "manpower export."

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are resorting to sanguinary military fascist dictatorship to faithfully execute the policies of aggression and war of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists.

Having covered the land of South Korea with the networks of gory suppressive apparatuses of military, police, intelligence and special agents, they are running mad with bloodshot eyes over suppressing all the social and political forces standing in the way of the fulfilment of the U.S. imperialists' colonial enslavement policy and war policy.

They bloodily suppress all the progressive ideas and progressive movement and savagely trample underfoot the political freedom and democratic rights including the speech, press, assembly, association, demonstration and strike. By wielding a great number of fascist evil laws and mobilising a huge suppressive force, they inflict a harsh penalty upon anyone who utters mere words of peaceful unification and arrest, imprison and murder right and left all the patriots fighting for the unification of the fatherland and brutally suppress the masses of the people and patriotic democratic forces demanding the right to existence and democratic freedom. They even resort to wholesale repression against all the opposition forces who disagree with them in policy arguments.

The military fascist clique of Pak Jung Hi, the traitor for all ages, foolishly attempt to "legalise" all these heinous crimes with the balderdash of "anti-communism." It is, in the final analysis, a mere smokescreen for concealing their criminal acts in exciting antagonism and hostility between the North and the South and madly preparing for a new war that the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are crying out for "unification by prevailing over communism" and raising a hue and cry over non-existent "threat to invade the South" and noisily advertising what they call a "peaceful unification programme" empty of content, while obstinately opposing the peaceful unification of our fatherland and seeking the perpetuation of national split.

An unusually forbidding situation has been created today in South Korea by the ever more intensified aggression and new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and the hideous military fascist suppression and treachery by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

What grave consequences will be entailed, if all these criminal acts of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique go unchecked?

Then the colonial military fascist suppression will be further intensified in South Korea and the patriotic democratic forces desirous of freedom, independence and the unification of the fatherland will face harsher suppression, and the aggressors and the traitors, only they, will have their own way, becoming more arrogant. And then the Japanese militarists will force their way into South Korea in real earnest with their aggressor armed forces to tread the South Korean soil again with their blood-stained military boots, and South Korea will be reduced to a dual colony of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors.

Thus, the unification of our fatherland will be further delayed and tension will increase still more between the North and the South to culminate in the outbreak of a war in our country.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which bears heavy responsibility for the fatherland and the nation, after a serious debate on the obtaining situation, addresses this appeal once again to you, dear compatriots, with our ardent wish of patriotism, to take urgent national salvation measures at this moment when the colonial military fascist suppression by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique is becoming harsher in South Korea and the military aggression of the Japanese militarists is entering a full-fledged stage into the bargain, when an extreme tension has been created between the North and the South and the danger of a new war is looming before our nation.

South Korean fellow-countrymen, brothers and sisters!

Members of political parties and public organisations!

All the personages who love the country!

We Korean people have been undergoing the sufferings of territorial division and national split for already 26 years due to the U.S. imperialists' occupation of South Korea.

The long history of national split which continues endlessly till a new generation has grown up spells so great national tragedies that even millions of volumes can hardly present the whole picture of its misfortunes and sufferings.

How anxiously we have awaited the end of split and how thirstily we waited for the accomplishment of the cause of unification in those countless days when we, the fellow-countrymen and kith and kins, have lived without any contact, unable to exchange a single of letter in one country and one territory under which the same veins run!

But, today, no dawn of unification is yet seen, but the threat of new disasters is hanging heavily over our heads.

The situation obtaining today urgently demands of all the Koreans of national conscience to turn out without delay and take active national salvation measures.

Who on earth can sit back and watch the criminal schemings of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to reduce South Korea to a dual colony, perpetuate national split and ignite a new war in our country, at this grave moment with a heavy and urgent historic task ahead? Anyone who loves the country ought to rise in a decisive struggle for staving off the approaching new disasters and uprooting all the sources of national misfortunes.

Wherein lies the way out, then? It lies in resolutely smashing the new war provocation moves of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and the reinvasion scheme of the Japanese militarists, with united force of the whole nation, and tightly holding the destiny of the nation in our own hand and in achieving the independent peaceful unification of the fatherland by the joint efforts of the North and the South. This, we believe, is the only just way for breaking today's deadlock and ending the national tragedy caused by split.

The massive advance of the workers, peasants, all other strata of the people fighting against the colonial military fascist policy and war policy of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and for the peaceful unification of the fatherland and democratic freedom and for the right to existence has of late mounted rapidly in South Korea.

The courageous South Korean students are again turning out onto the blood-smeared plaza of struggle and waging an undaunted struggle against the system of fascist military education and in demand of campus democracy and a new policy and a new life.

Voices are incessantly heard also from the South Korean political and public circles expressing apprehensions as to the constant danger of war and unending tragedy of split and urging the exploration of a realistic way out of it.

Particularly in these days, voices are raised among the South Korean political circles for opposing the military fascist dictatorship of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and achieving democracy and calling for checking a war in our country, rejecting the reinvasion of South Korea by Japanese militarism, easing tension between the North and the South and promoting mutual contacts such as correspondence, exchange of correspondents and sports games, and evading the perpetuation of the national split and accelerating the peaceful unification of the fatherland.

We warmly support the massive struggle of the South Korean people for the peaceful unification of the fatherland and democratic freedom and affirmatively appraise all the demands for preventing a war and recovering the severed national ties between the North and the South.

The massive striving for peace and unification gaining momentum with each passing day in South Korea opens a brighter prospect for all patriotic force in the North and the South to unite on a nation-wide scale to remove the danger of a war in our country and jointly shape the future of the nation.

We firmly believe that it is time all the Koreans who value the future destiny of the country and the nation joined their strength and wisdom to tide over the national crisis.

Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, said:

"Unity should be achieved between the socialist forces of the northern half of the Republic and the patriotic, democratic forces of South Korea, and the whole nation should firmly unite in the fight against U.S. imperialist aggression and for the peaceful unification of the fatherland."

It is the common desire of all the Koreans of national conscience to dispel the danger of war and achieve the unification of the North and the South in a peaceful way. There can be no difference in the position of all the Koreans who love the country on this fundamental question related to the destiny of the nation, whether he lives in the North or in the South of the divided fatherland, whether he is a Communist or a nationalist, whether he is a religionist or an atheist. Then why the North and the South should not join hands and unite?

We ardently appeal to all the patriotic forces of North and South Korea to closely unite in one body without delay, form the nation-wide anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-Pak Jung Hi common front and wage a nation-wide joint struggle for dispelling the danger of a war in our country, putting an end to the tragedy of the national split and attaining the independent, peaceful unification of the fatherland.

Let all the patriotic forces of North and South Korea unite close and form a nation-wide common front and unfold a great national-salvation struggle against the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique!

It is high time even those who have committed grave crimes against the fatherland and the nation, if they have not lost national conscience, repented for their past and returned to the national stand.

If they do not want to get the brand of curse and shame as a historical criminal against the nation, by following continuously

the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique without discretion, they should all, irrespective of their past doings, join in the nation-wide anti-U.S., anti-Japanese and anti-fascist joint struggle.

The U.S. imperialists are the arch criminals who forcibly occupied South Korea and split our nation and the basic obstacle lying in the way of the unification of our fatherland and sworn and deadly enemy of us Korean people.

So long as the military occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their colonial rule continue, the South Korean people cannot get rid of the present miserable plight, the tragic split of our nation cannot end and the danger of war cannot be dispelled in our country.

Let us wage more vigorously the nation-wide anti-U.S. struggle for chasing out of South Korea the U.S. imperialists, the chieftain of aggression and war and the root cause of all miseries and sufferings of our nation!

The Japanese militarists are the brutal aggressors who are historically accustomed to invading other countries with the backing of big powers and the inveterate enemy who subjected our people to a bitter life of colonial slavery, occupying our country for nearly half a century.

The reinvasion of South Korea committed by the Japanese militarists under the wirepulling of the U.S. imperialists is spelling still greater calamities to the South Korean people and laying a new grave obstacle in the way of the struggle of the Korean people for attaining the peaceful unification of the fatherland.

Let us decisively chop off by a powerful joint struggle of the whole nation the talons of reinvasion of the Japanese militarists stretched to South Korea!

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are the inborn betrayer and despicable traitor to the nation who has never taken into account the interests of the country and the nation.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi, by nature, was a running dog of the Japanese imperialists in the past and changed his coat as a faithful watch dog of the U.S. imperialists after August 15 1945. And now he is a dual stooge serving U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism, the two aggressors, as his masters.

It was to put down the sentiments for national unification sharply mounting after the April Popular Uprising and prop up at the point of the bayonet the crumbling colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists that the Pak Jung Hi clique faked up the most reactionary "military coup" and snatched South Korean puppet power at the dictates of the U.S. imperialists. Over the last decade since then traitor Pak Jung Hi has desperately opposed the peaceful unification of our fatherland and only perpetrated monstrous treacheries enough to make the brutes blush and put into shade even Li Wan Yong and Song Byong Jun, converting South Korea into a living hell of crimes and death where an unheard-of famine and poverty, moral depravity and corruption prevail and into a land of darkness of the 20th century where terror, murder, prison and bayonets hold sway.

It is clear to everyone what aim traitor Pak Jung Hi seeks when he still begs for the permanent occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, raising a hue and cry over the "threat to invade the South" like a thief crying "stop thief!" bringing even the Japanese militarists into South Korea and further intensifying the military fascist repression. This is nothing but an attempt to prolong their dirty life even a single day under the patronage of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors, deceiving the people and misleading the world public opinion, perpetuate the national split and place the whole of Korea under the domination of the foreign aggressors by igniting a war in our country.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi's stay in "office" does not mean democracy but it means fascist dictatorship, not independence and self-sustenance but harsher colonial yoke and destruction, not unification but split, not peace but a war.

The South Korean people cannot get rid of the humiliating lot of colonial slaves of foreign aggressors and the peaceful unification of our fatherland is unthinkable, if such country-seller as traitor Pak Jung Hi is let alone.

Overthrow the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the contemptible lackey of the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists and the most wicked traitor to the nation!

All patriotic and democratic forces of South Korea, unite close as one and shatter to pieces the long-term office scheme of the Pak Jung Hi puppt clique!

Overthrow through a powerful mass struggle the Pak Jung Hi military fascist "regime" fanning antagonism and split between the North and South and establish a patriotic, democratic regime aspiring after national unity and peaceful unification!

It is our invariable line to sweep away all the foreign aggressor forces and traitors from South Korea and solve the question of the country's unification by the efforts of the Korean people themselves in a peaceful way, without interference of any outside forces.

We are fully ready to settle the issue of the unification of the country in a peaceful way through North-South negotiation when a genuine power of the people is founded or patriotic democratic personages come to power in South Korea after the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are overthrown.

In this connection the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in accordance with the proposals we

had made already long ago on the basis of the basic line of the national unification advanced by respected and beloved Premier Kim Il Sung, solemnly puts forth here the following 8-point programme of national salvation:

1. To make the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops withdraw from South Korea and solve the national question by the efforts of the Korean people themselves on the principles of national self-determination;

2. To reduce the armed forces in North and South Korea to 100,000 or less each and lighten the heavy burdens of military expenses to relax the tension and guarantee a durable peace in our country and jointly counter the aggression by the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists;

3. To abolish and declare invalid the "South Korea-U.S. mutual defence pact," the "South Korea-Japan treaty" and all other treacherous and enslaving treaties and agreements concluded with foreign countries against the interests of the nation and oppose all forms of interference in the domestic affairs by foreign aggressor forces and attain national sovereignty;

4. To hold free North-South general elections on the principles of universal, equal and direct suffrage by secret ballot in a completely democratic atmosphere in which the freedom of the expression of the will by the people is fully guaranteed, without interference by any outside force, and establish a unified democratic central government representing the general will of the entire Korean people;

5. To ensure the people of all walks of life in South Korea the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association, demonstration and strike and all other democratic rights, release all the political prisoners who have been arrested and imprisoned on charges of having called for the peaceful unification of the fatherland and guarantee all the political parties, public organizations and individual personages of North and South Korea the conditions for freely conducting political activities in any area of the country;

6. To establish a Confederation of North and South Korea as a transitional step for solving the urgent problems of common concern of the nation and hastening the national unification, leaving the differing socio-political systems in the North and the South intact, if need be, prior to complete unification;

7. To promote the economic intercourse and mutual cooperation in the sphere of science, culture, arts and sports between the North and the South and bring to realization the travel of personages and correspondence to alleviate the suffering of the people resulting from the split and restore the severed ties of the nation;

8. To hold a political consultative meeting of the North and the South for discussing the immediate tasks of the nation and solving the question of the country's unification.

This is our programme of national salvation.

Our programme of national salvation reflects the burning aspirations of the entire Korean people to see the country unified at the earliest date and fully takes into consideration the objective realities of our country caused by the partition. This programme, we consider, can make a good groundwork for achieving co-operation and negotiation between the North and the South. At the same time, we once again make it clear that we are ready to accept anyone's opinion helpful to the solution of the question of unification.

We should realize negotiation and unity between the North and the South and solve the question of the unification of the fatherland, an internal affair of the nation, by the Koreans themselves in a peaceful way.

There are the differences between us in political views and ideologies, but these can by no means be an obstacle to North-South negotiation and national unity. We are a single nation who have shared life and death, weal and woe with each other through a long history and we are the fellow-countrymen who should build a unified fatherland hand in hand in future, too. No obstacle can dampen the irrepressible kindred sentiments filling the hearts of us Korean people with warmth and the compatriotic intimacy shared by them and common aspirations for national unification. We should meet each other without fail, meet to set up a common landmark for removing the national calamities and hewing the path of unification.

Reflecting this urgent demand, the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea solemnly proposes an early convocation of a joint conference of the political parties and public organizations of North and South Korea for discussing together the urgent measures for national salvation.

The representatives of all political parties and public organizations and individual personages of North and South Korea aspiring after peace and unification may attend this joint conference and the venue of the conference may be Panmunjom or a third country.

Let us realize North-South negotiation for achieving the great unity of all Koreans who have anti-imperialist, anti-U.S., anti-Japanese ideas, regardless of political view, ideology, religious belief and past doings, and discussing measures for a nation-wide joint struggle for the peaceful unification of the fatherland!

Let us devote all our efforts to the nation-wide struggle for achieving the peaceful unification of the fatherland!

Make every nook and corner of South Korea—the town and country, streets and vil-

lages—rock with powerful voice of the masses of the people opposing national split and demanding the peaceful unification of the country and let the flames of the grand national salvation struggle sweep it to shatter the criminal intrigues of the U.S. and Japanese aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique obstructing the unification and pull down the barrier between the North and the South!

South Korean fellow-countrymen, brothers and sisters!

Members of political parties and public organizations!

All the personages who love the country!

To unify the divided fatherland is the greatest task of the nation facing us today and most urgent task which brooks not a moment's delay. We can no longer put up with the sufferings of the national split and can never leave the fatherland bisected.

Respected and beloved Premier Kim Il Sung said: **"As long as there remains the wretched situation in which the country and the nation are divided and our compatriots, brothers and sisters of one and the same blood are subjected to all sorts of national insult and maltreatment by foreign aggressors neither Korean Communist nor conscientious Korean nationalist can say that he has discharged his duty."** How strongly these earnest words appeal to the hearts of all us Koreans!

The sooner the unification, the better, and the longer the division, the greater the misfortunes.

We should make every possible effort with the firm conviction of victory and must not fail to hasten the unification of the country.

We Korean people are a resourceful nation who have created a brilliant cultural tradition from the dawning of the human history and a dignified and great nation who are fully capable of solving their national question on their own.

We have everything necessary for the accomplishment of the sacred cause of the national unification, overcoming whatever difficulties.

In the northern half of our fatherland there has been built today a rich and powerful, and independent socialist industrial state and there has been laid a firm wherewithal for the national unification under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and in South Korea there are raging with greater fury the flames of the anti-U.S., anti-Japanese national-salvation struggle of the workers, peasants, student youths, intellectuals and people of all other strata and their struggle against fascism and for democracy. Hundreds of millions of peoples in Asia who are carrying on their staunch struggle to smash the policies of aggression and war of the U.S. imperialists and chop off the tentacles of aggression of the Japanese militarists positively support and encourage us Korean people in the anti-U.S., anti-Japanese national-salvation struggle and peoples of all continents, all regions and all countries on the globe, who are waging a powerful struggle for peace and democracy, national independence and social progress holding aloft the banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, also support and encourage in every way the just struggle of us Korean people for chasing the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and achieving the independent, peaceful unification of the fatherland.

Availing ourselves of this opportunity, we express profound thanks for this support and encouragement and express the firm belief that the just struggle of us Korean people for the independent, peaceful unification of the country will command the support of the peoples the world over in the future, too.

The anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. forces steadily grow in strength in all parts of our planet. The U.S. imperialists are rushing headlong downhill, dealt one blow after another, and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the heinous traitors to the nation, are being more isolated than ever before.

No enemy can block the road of the nationwide struggle of us Korean people for the accomplishment of the historic cause of national unification.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors are bound to be forced out of South Korea by the powerful struggle of the entire Korean people and all sources of the national calamities be removed and our fatherland will certainly greet the hope-filled new morning of unification before long.

Let us fight on more vigorously to bring earlier the day when we will build a country good to live in and as rich and strong as any other, the paradise of happiness of the 40 million Korean people, in the beautiful 3,000-*ri* land of our beloved fatherland!

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expresses the conviction and hope that the people of all walks of life and personages of political parties and public organizations of South Korea will warmly welcome this patriotic appeal of ours and actively respond to this.

SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Pyongyang, April 13, 1971

Statement of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the Indochinese Situation

In connection with the grave situation created in Indochina owing to the war escalation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists, the Fifth Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea discussed appropriate measures to cope with it.

The U.S. imperialists are now feverishly expanding the flames of the war in Indochina in an attempt to recover themselves from the repeated defeats they are sustaining in this area.

Recently the U.S. imperialists hurled tens of thousands of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, South Viet Nam puppet troops and Thai mercenaries to launch a new large-scale armed invasion of southern Laos together with the right-wing army of Laos and expanded the war in the area near the demilitarized zone of Viet Nam.

Synchronizing with this, the U.S. imperialists massed a great number of U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and South Viet Nam puppet troops around North Viet Nam and are intensifying all sorts of war acts such as barbarous bombing and shelling against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

They also hurled more South Viet Nam puppet troops into Cambodia to keep intensifying the war of aggression together with the Lon Nol puppet army.

All this is an intolerable act of war escalation and a crude violation of the 1954 and 1962 Geneva agreements on Indochina.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea sternly condemns the brigandish manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism to escalate the war of aggression in Indochina as a most wanton infringement upon the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the peoples in this area and, further, as an open challenge to the peace-loving peoples of Asia and the world.

Today the U.S. imperialists are expanding the flames of the war of aggression to the whole area of Indochina. This shows with all clarity that the "Nixon doctrine" does not mean withdrawing from Asia but staying on in this area by resorting to still more flagrant armed suppression and the policy of war escalation and the "peace" and "talks" on their lips are nothing but a smokescreen for further expanding the war of aggression.

The U.S. imperialists are viciously trying to achieve easily their aggressive ambition against Asia mainly by means of "making Asians fight Asians," by mobilizing Japanese militarism and their other satellites and puppets in Asia along the "new Asia policy" based on the socalled "Nixon doctrine," while stepping up the aggression by directly mobilizing their armed forces.

U.S. imperialism is escalating the war of aggression in Indochina, pursuing the "Nixon doctrine" under the signboard of "Vietnamization" of the war, and intensifying in South Korea their manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war behind the smokescreen of "U.S. army cutback."

U.S. imperialism is the most heinous and shameless aggressor and plunderer of modern times and No. 1 common enemy of all the progressive peoples of the world.

Some time ago, Nixon, the war-like boss of U.S. imperialism, threatened in his socalled "foreign policy report" and repeated news conferences that they would launch a direct armed invasion of North Viet Nam and openly ranted that "all the necessary work will be continued" for the expansion of the war of aggression in Indochina.

With no frenzied war escalation manoeuvres, however, can U.S. imperialism save itself from the doom which has already been sealed off.

Today, the wilder the enemy runs, the more staunchly the peoples of Indochina fight, consolidating their militant solidarity, for crushing the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges to the last one, upholding the Joint Declaration of the Summit Conference of the Peoples of Indochina, and they are winning big victories day by day.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea congratulates the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia upon their overall victory won on all fronts against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and particularly, rejoices, as over our own, over and warmly hails the great victories won by the Laotian People's Liberation Army and the South Viet Nam People's Liberation Armed Forces in thoroughly wiping out the enemy in southern

Laos and in the area along Highway 9 where recently the U.S. imperialists newly expanded their armed invasion on a large scale.

The shining victory of the peoples of the three countries of Indochina shows that shamefully going bankrupt are the U.S. imperialists' "Vietnamization" of the war plan and the "Nixon doctrine" designed to make Indochinese fight Indochinese and Asians fight Asians.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam issued a statement on February 10, 1971, vehemently denouncing the frantic war escalation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists, and the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam discussed the political report presented by Premier Pham Van Dong and made public a statement on March 4. The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam published a statement on February 5, 1971, denouncing U.S. imperialism for its new armed invasion of Laos and its war escalation manoeuvres in Indochina.

The Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front issued an appeal to the Laotian people and the peace-loving people of the whole world on February 7, 1971, and statements on February 8 and March 7, and Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, issued joint statements after having talks respectively with Ton Duc Thang, President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, on February 8, 1971, and with Prince Souphanouvong, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Laotian Patriotic Front, on February 9.

These documents forcefully demonstrate the indomitable fighting will of the Indochinese peoples opposing the war escalation manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and their unanimous revolutionary stand to unite more closely and resolutely fight till they completely sweep away the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, and surely win final victory.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea fully supports these statements, appeal and joint statements and expresses firm militant solidarity with the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian peoples in their just anti-U.S. national-salvation struggle.

The heroic national salvation war of resistance of the Indochinese peoples against U.S. imperialism is not only a just struggle for the liberation, complete unification and independence of their countries but a sacred struggle for greatly promoting the liberation struggle of the oppressed nations and defending peace in Asia and the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, regarding the aggression of U.S. imperialism against Viet Nam as against itself, has made all efforts to support and assist the fraternal Vietnamese people, and repeatedly declared that it is fully prepared to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese people at any time requested by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. It also declared time and again that it would actively support and assist, morally and materially, the Laotian and Cambodian peoples with every possible effort till their war of resistance against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation is completely won.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regards all these measures taken by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as the most just ones reflecting the unanimous will of the Korean people and solemnly declares that it is ready to take any step at any time if necessary to support and assist the Indochinese peoples in their struggle for national salvation against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy, in the future, too.

Today, to bring under control the grave situation obtaining in Indochina and restore and consolidate peace, the U.S. imperialists must, first of all, give up at once their manoeuvres for the escalation of the criminal war and withdraw without delay from this area taking along their aggressor troops and troops of their satellite countries and puppets and all their lethal weapons.

The Viet Nam question must be solved on the basis of the 10-point overall solution and 8 supplementary points put forward by the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, the Laotian question must be settled on the basis of the 5-point political solution of the Laotian Patriotic Front and the Cambodian question on the basis of the 5-point declaration issued on March 23, 1970, by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia.

If the U.S. imperialists persist in recklessly expanding and intensifying the criminal war of aggression against the Indochinese peoples, they will be unable to escape a more miserable defeat.

Today when the U.S. imperialists are directing the spearhead of aggression to Asia, escalating the war all over Indochina and intensifying their aggressive machinations in the whole area of Asia, it is important, more than anything else, to strengthen the militant solidarity of the peoples of the Asian revolutionary countries in order to thwart and foil the criminal manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

If the peoples of Korea, China, Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia suffering directly from U.S. imperialist aggression and all other revolutionary countries in Asia strengthen militant solidarity to deal a collective blow at U.S. imperialism, they will surely be able to defeat it and guarantee the victory of the common cause.

Uniting with the peoples of Asian revolu-

tionary countries, the Korean people will continue to make all their efforts to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and Taiwan, South Viet Nam and Laos, Cambodia and all other parts of Asia where they have set foot, thoroughly frustrate their stratagem of making Asians fight Asians and thus build a new, independent and prosperous Asia.

In order to thwart and baffle the U.S. imperialists' aggression and war escalation manoeuvres against Asia, not only the peoples of the Asian countries making revolution but all the progressive peoples of the world should further strengthen solidarity.

The Korean people will actively support the struggle of the peoples of all countries against U.S. imperialism and vigorously fight on for the victory of the cause of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism in firm unity with the peoples of the socialist countries, the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and all the peace-loving people of the world.

Today the Asian peoples and the world progressive peoples are confronted with an urgent task to struggle, while frustrating the aggression of U.S. imperialism, against the revival and reinvasion scheme of Japanese militarism, its junior ally.

The Korean people will continue to oppose resolutely the revival of Japanese militarism and its overseas expansion schemes and fight in firm unity with the Japanese people and all other anti-imperialist forces of Asia and the world in order to smash the plot of the reactionary government of Japan which is actively cooperating with and joining U.S. imperialism in its manoeuvres of aggression.

The Korean people regard the struggle of the Japanese people against U.S. imperialism and Japanese monopoly capital and for thwarting and foiling the revival of Japanese militarism and its overseas aggression and achieving the country's complete independence and democracy and peace as a great contribution to the cause of peace in Asia and the world, and express full support and militant solidarity for it.

The U.S. imperialists are bluffing now. But U.S. imperialism and its lackeys will finally be wiped out and the peoples of all the countries will achieve genuine national independence and social progress when the peoples of all countries making revolution and fighting countries of the world firmly unite and vigorously unfold the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

Pyongyang, April 13, 1971